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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

(Mark One)

☒ ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015

OR

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-8323



CIGNA CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

900 Cottage Grove Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut

(Address of principal executive offices)

06-1059331

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

06002

(Zip Code)

(860) 226-6000

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(860) 226-6741

Registrant's facsimile number, including area code

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(B) OF THE ACT:

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, Par Value \$0.25	New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(G) OF THE ACT:

NONE

Indicate by check mark	YES	NO
• if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer", and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act		

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• whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2015 was approximately \$41.6 billion.

As of January 31, 2016, 255,766,310 shares of the registrant's Common Stock were outstanding.

Part III of this Form 10-K incorporates by reference information from the registrant's definitive proxy statement related to the 2016 annual meeting of shareholders.

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are based on Cigna's current expectations and projections about future trends, events and uncertainties. These statements are not historical facts. Forward-looking statements may include, among others, statements concerning our business strategy and strategic or operational initiatives including our ability to deliver personalized and innovative solutions for customers and clients; future growth and expansion; future financial or operating performance; economic, regulatory or competitive environments; our projected cash position, future pension funding and financing or capital deployment plans; the proposed merger between Cigna and Anthem, Inc. ("Anthem"); statements regarding the timing of resolution of the issues raised by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"); and other statements regarding Cigna's future beliefs, expectations, plans, intentions, financial condition or performance. You may identify forward-looking statements by the use of words such as "believe," "expect," "plan," "intend," "anticipate," "estimate," "predict," "potential," "may," "should," "will" or other words or expressions of similar meaning, although not all forward-looking statements contain such terms.

Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, both known and unknown, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to: our ability to achieve our financial, strategic and operational plans or initiatives; our ability to predict and manage medical costs and price effectively and develop and maintain good relationships with physicians, hospitals and other health care providers; our ability to identify potential strategic acquisitions or transactions and realize the expected benefits of such strategic transactions; the substantial level of government regulation over our business and the potential effects of new laws or regulations or changes in existing laws or regulations; the outcome of litigation, regulatory audits including the CMS review and sanctions, investigations, actions and guaranty fund assessments; uncertainties surrounding participation in government-sponsored programs such as Medicare; the effectiveness and security of our information technology and other business systems; unfavorable industry, economic or political conditions including foreign currency movements; the timing and likelihood of completion of the proposed merger, including the timing, receipt and terms and conditions of any required governmental and regulatory approvals for the proposed merger that could reduce anticipated benefits or cause the parties to abandon the transaction; the possibility that the expected synergies and value creation from the proposed merger will not be realized or will not be realized within the expected time period; the risk that the businesses of Cigna and Anthem will not be integrated successfully; disruption from the proposed merger making it more difficult to maintain business and operational relationships; the risk that unexpected costs will be incurred; the possibility that the proposed merger does not close, including a failure to satisfy the closing conditions; the risk that financing for the proposed merger may not be available on favorable terms, as well as more specific risks and uncertainties discussed in Part I, Item 1A – Risk Factors and Part II, Item 7 – Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of this Form 10-K and as described from time to time in our future reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") as well as the risks and uncertainties described in Anthem's most recent report on Form 10-K and subsequent reports filed with the SEC.

You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements that speak only as of the date they are made, are not guarantees of future performance or results, and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict or quantify. Cigna undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

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ITEM 1. Business

Overview

Cigna Corporation, together with its subsidiaries (either individually or collectively referred to as "Cigna," the "Company," "we," "our" or "us") is a global health services organization dedicated to a mission of helping individuals improve their health, well-being and sense of security. To execute on our mission, Cigna's strategy is to "Go Deep," "Go Global" and "Go Individual" with a differentiated set of medical, dental, disability, life and accident insurance and related products and services offered by our subsidiaries.



In an increasingly retail-oriented marketplace, we focus on delivering affordable and personalized products and services to customers through employer-based, government-sponsored and individual coverage arrangements. We increasingly collaborate with health care providers to transition from volume-based fee for service arrangements toward a more value-based system designed to increase quality of care, lower costs and improve health outcomes. We operate a customer-centric organization enabled by keen insights regarding customer needs, localized decision-making and talented professionals committed to bringing our "Together All the Way" brand promise to life.

As of December 31, 2015, our consolidated shareholders' equity was \$12.0 billion, assets were \$57.1 billion and we reported revenues of \$37.9 billion for 2015. Our revenues are derived principally from premiums on insured products, fees from self-insured products and services, mail-order pharmacy sales and investment income.

We present the financial results of our businesses in the following three reportable segments:

Global Health Care aggregates the Commercial and Government operating segments.

- The *Commercial* operating segment encompasses both the U.S. commercial and certain international health care businesses serving employers and their employees, other groups, and individuals. Products and services include medical, dental, behavioral health, vision, and prescription drug benefit plans, health advocacy programs and other products and services to insured and self-insured customers.
- The *Government* operating segment offers Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D plans to seniors and Medicaid plans.

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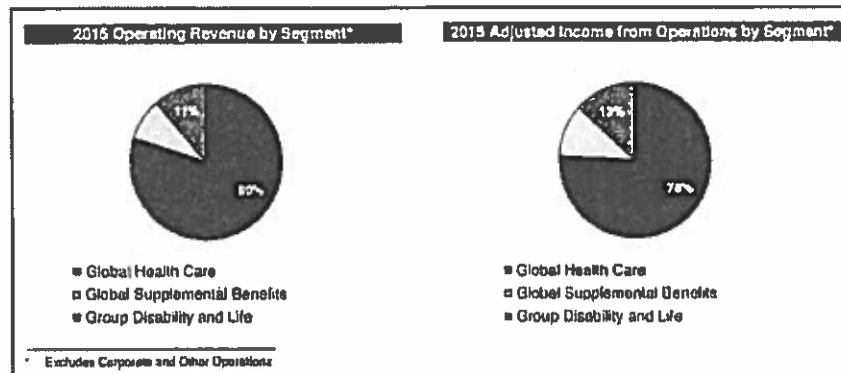
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Global Supplemental Benefits offers supplemental health, life and accident insurance products in selected international markets and in the U.S.

Group Disability and Life provides group long-term and short-term disability, group life, accident and specialty insurance products and related services.

On a consolidated basis, total 2015 operating revenues were \$37.8 billion and total 2015 adjusted income from operations was \$2.3 billion. For the Global Health Care, Global Supplemental Benefits, and Group Disability and Life segments, 2015 operating revenues were \$37.3 billion and 2015 adjusted income from operations was \$2.4 billion. See page 34 for the definition of these metrics.



We present the remainder of our segment results in *Other Operations*, consisting of the corporate-owned life insurance business ("COLI"), run-off reinsurance and settlement annuity businesses and deferred gains associated with the sales of the individual life insurance and annuity and retirement benefits businesses.

Proposed Merger with Anthem, Inc. ("Anthem")

On July 23, 2015, we entered into a definitive agreement to merge with Anthem, subject to certain terms, conditions and customary operating covenants, with Anthem continuing as the surviving company. Upon closing, our shareholders will receive \$103.40 in cash and 0.5152 of a share of Anthem common stock for each common share of the Company. At special shareholders' meetings held in December 2015, Cigna shareholders approved the merger with Anthem and Anthem shareholders approved the issuance of shares of Anthem common stock according to the merger agreement. Consummation of the merger remains subject to certain customary conditions, including the receipt of certain necessary governmental and regulatory approvals and the absence of a legal restraint prohibiting the consummation of the merger. The merger is expected to close in the second half of 2016. See Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details. In addition, see Item 1A – Risk Factors in this Form 10-K for risks to our business due to the proposed merger.

Other Key Transactions

In recent years, we have entered into a number of transactions that are helping us to achieve our strategic goals by: (1) repositioning the portfolio for growth in targeted geographies, product lines, buying segments and distribution channels; (2) improving our strategic and financial flexibility; and (3) pursuing additional opportunities in high growth markets with particular focus on individuals. Specifically:

- Over the past several years, to achieve the goals of better health, affordability and improved experience for customers, we have continued expanding our participation in collaborative care and other delivery arrangements with health care professionals across the care delivery spectrum, including large and small physician groups, specialist groups and hospitals.
- We entered into a 10-year pharmacy benefit management services agreement with Calamaran Corporation (now known as "Optum"). Under this agreement, we utilize Optum's technology and service platforms, retail network contracting and claims processing services.
- We effectively exited our Run-off guaranteed minimum death benefit ("GMDB" also known as "VADBe") and guaranteed minimum income benefit ("GMIB") reinsurance business by entering into an agreement with Berkshire Hathaway Life Insurance Company of Nebraska ("Berkshire") to reinsure 100% of our remaining future exposures for this business up to a specified limit.

Health Care Reform

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (collectively referred to throughout this Form 10-K as "Health Care Reform" or "PPACA") continues to have a significant impact on our business operations. The effects of Health Care Reform are discussed throughout this Form 10-K where appropriate, including in the Global Health Care business description, Regulation, Risk Factors, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Other Information

The financial information included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 ("Form 10-K") is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") unless otherwise indicated. Industry rankings and percentages set forth herein are for the year ended December 31, 2015 unless otherwise indicated. In addition, statements set forth in this document concerning our rank or position in an industry or particular line of business have been developed internally based on publicly available information unless otherwise noted.

Cigna Corporation was incorporated in Delaware in 1981. Our annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other filings, and any amendments to these filings, are made available free of charge on our website (<http://www.cigna.com>, under the "Investors – Quarterly Reports and SEC Filings" captions) as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file these materials with, or furnish them to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). We use our website as a channel of distribution for material company information. Important information, including news releases, analyst presentations and financial information regarding Cigna is routinely posted on and accessible at www.cigna.com. See "Code of Ethics and Other Corporate Governance Disclosures" in Part III, Item 10 beginning on page 117 of this Form 10-K for additional available information.

Global Health Care

How We Win

- Broad and deep portfolio of solutions across Commercial and Government operating segments
- Commitment to highest quality health outcomes and customer experiences
- Differentiated physician engagement models emphasizing value over volume of services
- Technology powering actionable insights and affordable, personalized solutions
- Talented and caring people embracing change and putting customers at the center of all we do

Products and Services

• Medical	• Pharmacy	• Medicare Advantage
• Stop Loss	• Behavioral	• Medicare Part D
• Dental	• Health Advocacy and Coaching	• Medicaid
• Vision		

Funding Types

- Administrative Services Only (ASO)
- Guaranteed Cost
- Experience Rated

Physician Engagement

- Collaborative Accountable Care Organizations
- Independent Practice Associations
- Delivery System Alliances

Customer Segments

- National
- Middle Market
- Select
- Individual
- Government
- International

Distribution Channels

- Insurance brokers and consultants
- Sales representatives
- Cigna private exchange
- 3rd party private exchanges
- Public exchanges

We seek to differentiate ourselves in this business by providing personalized and affordable health care solutions to our clients and customers. As the health care delivery system transitions from volume-based reimbursements to a value orientation, our strategy is to accelerate our engagement with employers and individuals in order to: 1) increase our customers' involvement in their health care and 2) develop deep insights into customer needs. Our differentiated approach also targets selected geographies and market segments and, within those local markets, stronger relationships with health care providers that promote quality and affordability of care for our customers and clients.

Our Commercial operating segment encompasses both our U.S. commercial and certain international health care businesses serving employers and their employees, including globally-mobile individuals, and other groups (e.g., governmental and non-governmental organizations, unions and associations). In addition, our U.S. commercial health care business also serves individuals through our product offerings both on and off the public health insurance exchanges.

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The Commercial operating segment, either directly or through its partners, offers some or all of its products in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. We offer a variety of medical plans including:

- **Managed Care Plans including HMO, Network, Network Open Access and Open Access Plus.** We offer health care services through Health Maintenance Organizations ("HMOs") and insured and self-insured indemnity managed care benefit plans that use meaningful cost-sharing incentives to encourage the use of "in-network" versus "out-of-network" health care providers and provide the option to select a primary care physician. The national provider network for Managed Care Plans is somewhat smaller than the national network used with the preferred provider ("PPO") plan product line. If a particular plan covers non-emergency services received from a non-participating health care provider, the customer's cost-sharing obligation is usually greater for the out-of-network care.
- **PPO Plans.** Our PPO product line features a network with broader provider access than the Managed Care Plans. The preferred provider product line may be at a higher medical cost than our Managed Care Plans.
- **Choice Fund® Suite of Consumer-Driven Products.** Our medical plans are often integrated with the Cigna Choice Fund suite of products: Health Reimbursement Accounts ("HRA"), Health Savings Accounts ("HSA") and Flexible Spending Accounts ("FSA"). These Choice Fund products are designed to encourage customers to play an active role in understanding and managing their health and associated expenses. Customers can use these tax-advantaged accounts to finance eligible health care expenses and other approved services. In most cases, these products are combined with a high deductible medical plan. We continue to experience strong growth in these products and they represent a rapidly growing percentage of our overall medical customer base.

Approximately 90% of our commercial medical customers are enrolled in medical plans with funding arrangements that allow the corporate client to directly benefit from lower medical costs. The funding arrangements available for our commercial medical and dental health plans are as follows:

Funding Arrangement	% of Commercial Medical Customers	Description
Administrative Services Only ("ASO")	83%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASO plan sponsors are responsible for self-funding all claims, but may purchase stop loss insurance to limit exposure for claims that exceed a predetermined amount. • We collect fees from plan sponsors for providing access to our participating provider network and for other services and programs including: claims administration; behavioral health; disease management; utilization management; cost containment; dental; and pharmacy benefit management. • In some cases, we provide performance guarantees associated with meeting certain service standards, clinical outcomes or financial metrics.
Insured – Experience Rated ("Shared Returns")	6%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premium charged during a policy period ("initial premium") may be adjusted following the policy period for actual claim, and in some cases, administrative cost experience of the policyholder. • When claims and expenses are less than the initial premium charged (an "experience surplus"), the policyholder may be credited for a portion of this premium. • However, if claims and expenses exceed the initial premium (an "experience deficit"), we bear these costs. In certain cases, experience deficits may be recovered through experience surpluses in a future year if the policyholder renews.
Insured – Guaranteed Cost	11%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We establish the cost to the policyholder at the beginning of a policy period and generally cannot subsequently adjust premiums to reflect actual claim experience until the next annual renewal. • Employers and other groups with guaranteed cost policies are generally smaller than those with experience-rated group policies. Accordingly, our claim and expense assumptions may be based in whole or in part on prior experience of the policyholder or on a pool of similar policyholders. • HMO and individual plans (medical and dental) are offered on a guaranteed cost basis only. Individual and "small employer" (employers with 50 or fewer employees) plans are required to be community-rated under federal law.

We offer stop loss insurance coverage for ASO plans that provides reimbursement for claims in excess of a predetermined amount for individuals ("specific"), the entire group ("aggregate"), or both. In addition, our experience-rated group medical insurance policies include premium funding options similar to administrative services combined with stop loss coverage.

In most states, individual and group insurance premium rates must be approved by the applicable state regulatory agency (typically department of insurance) and state or federal laws may restrict the use of rating methods. Premium rates for groups and individuals are subject to state review for reasonableness. In addition, Health Care Reform subjects individual and small group policy rate increases above

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an identified threshold to review by the United States Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") and requires payment of premium refunds on individual and group medical insurance products if minimum medical loss ratio ("MLR") requirements are not met. In our individual business, premiums may also be adjusted as a result of the government risk mitigation programs. The MLR represents the percentage of premiums used to pay medical claims and expenses for activities that improve the quality of care. See the "Regulation" section of this Form 10-K for additional information on the commercial MLR requirements and the risk mitigation programs of Health Care Reform.

Government Health Plans

Medicare Advantage

We offer Medicare Advantage plans in 15 states and the District of Columbia through our Cigna-HealthSpring brand. Under such a plan, Medicare-eligible beneficiaries may receive health care benefits, including prescription drugs, through a managed care health plan such as our coordinated care plans. A significant portion of our Medicare Advantage customers receive medical care from our innovative plan models that focus on developing highly engaged physician networks, aligning payment incentives to improved health outcomes, and using timely and transparent data sharing. We are focused on continuing to expand these models in the future.

We receive revenue from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") for each plan customer based on customer demographic data and actual customer health risk factors compared to the broader Medicare population. We also may earn additional revenue from CMS related to quality performance measures (known as "Medicare Stars"). The Medicare Stars payment equals 5% per member risk-adjusted revenue added to the CMS payment for each contract that achieves four stars or higher. Additional premiums may be received from customers, representing the difference between CMS subsidy payments and the revenue determined as part of our annual Medicare Advantage bid submissions. Health Care Reform requires Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D plans to meet a minimum MLR of 85%. If the MLR for a CMS contract is less than 85%, we are required to pay a rebate to CMS and could be required to make additional payments if the MLR continues to be less than 85% for successive years.

Medicare Part D

Our Medicare Part D prescription drug program provides a number of plan options, as well as service and information support to Medicare and Medicaid eligible customers. Our plans are available in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and offer the savings of Medicare combined with the flexibility to provide enhanced benefits and a drug list tailored to individuals' specific needs. Retirees benefit from broad network access and value-added services intended to help keep them well and save them money.

Medicaid

We offer Medicaid coverage to low income individuals in selected markets in Texas and Illinois. Our Medicaid customers benefit from many of the coordinated care aspects of our Medicare Advantage programs.

We receive revenue from the states of Texas and Illinois for our Medicaid only customers. For customers eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid ("dual eligibles") we receive revenue from both the state and CMS. All revenue is based on customer demographic data and actual customer health risk factors. Similar to Medicare Advantage, there are minimum MLR requirements in Illinois (85% for the dual product and 88% for the Medicaid only product). However, Texas utilizes an experience rebate in an effort to provide better value to consumers and increase transparency. The Texas experience rebate takes into account operating expenses and requires a rebate of dollars to the state as different profitability thresholds are met.

Specialty Products and Services

Our specialty products and services described below are designed to improve the quality of and lower the cost of medical services and help customers achieve better health outcomes. Many of these products can be sold on a standalone basis, but we believe they are most effective when integrated with a Cigna-administered health plan. Our specialty products are focused in the areas of medical, behavioral, pharmacy management, dental and vision.

Medical Specialty

- **Cost-Containment Service.** We administer cost-containment programs on behalf of our clients and customers for health care services and supplies that are covered under health benefit plans. These programs may involve vendors who perform activities designed to control health costs by reducing out-of-network utilization and costs, including educating customers regarding the availability of lower cost, in-network services, negotiating discounts, reviewing provider bills, and recovering overpayments from other payers or health care providers. We charge fees for providing or arranging for these services.
- **Health Advocacy.** We offer a wide array of medical management, disease management, and other health advocacy services to employers and other plan sponsors to help individuals improve their health, well-being and sense of security. These services are offered to customers covered under plans that we administer, as well as plans insured or administered by competing insurers or third-party administrators. Our health advocacy programs and services include early intervention in the treatment of chronic conditions. We also offer online tools and software to help customers manage their health and an array of health coaching programs designed to address lifestyle management issues such as stress, weight, and tobacco cessation.

Behavioral Health

We arrange for behavioral health care services for customers through our network of approximately 96,000 participating behavioral health care professionals and 12,500 facilities and clinics. We offer behavioral health care case management services, employee assistance programs ("EAP"), and work/life programs to employers, government entities and other groups sponsoring health benefit plans. We focus on integrating our programs and services with medical, pharmacy and disability programs to facilitate customized, holistic care.

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Pharmacy Management

We offer prescription drug plans to our commercial and government (Medicare/Medicaid) customers both in conjunction with our medical products and on a stand-alone basis. With a network of over 70,000 pharmacies, Cigna Pharmacy Management is a comprehensive pharmacy benefits manager ("PBM") offering clinical programs and specialty pharmacy solutions. We also offer high quality, efficient, and cost-effective mail order, telephone and on-line pharmaceutical fulfillment services through our home delivery operation.

Our medical and pharmacy coverage can meet the needs of customers with complex medical conditions requiring specialty pharmaceuticals. These types of medications are covered under both pharmacy and medical benefits and can be expensive, often requiring associated lab work and administration by a health care professional. Therefore, coordination is critical in improving affordability and outcomes. Clients with Cigna-administered medical and pharmacy coverage benefit from continuity of care, integrated reporting, and meaningful unit cost discounts on all specialty drugs.

Dental

We offer a variety of insured and self-insured dental care products including dental health maintenance organization plans ("Dental HMO") in 37 states, dental preferred provider organization ("Dental PPO") plans in 49 states and the District of Columbia, exclusive dental provider organization plans, traditional dental indemnity plans and a dental discount program. Employers and other groups can purchase our products as stand-alone products or integrated with medical products. Additionally, individual customers can purchase Dental PPO plans in conjunction with individual medical policies.

As of December 31, 2015, our dental customers totaled approximately 13 million, of which most are in self-insured plans. Our customers access care from one of the largest Dental PPO networks and Dental HMO networks in the U.S., with approximately 140,000 Dental PPO and 20,300 Dental HMO health care professionals.

Vision

Cigna Vision offers flexible, cost-effective PPO coverage that includes a range of both in and out-of-network benefits for routine vision services offered in conjunction with our medical and dental product offerings. Our national vision care network, consisting of approximately 76,000 health care providers in over 26,100 locations, includes private practice ophthalmologist and optometrist offices, as well as retail eye care centers.

Service and Quality

Customer Service

For U.S.-based customers, we operate 16 service centers that together in 2015 processed approximately 158 million medical claims and handled 31 million calls providing our customers service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

In our international health care business, we have a service model dedicated to the unique needs of our 1.4 million customers around the world. We service them from nine service centers that are also available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Technology

Technology continues to play a significant role in the execution of our Go Deep, Go Global, Go Individual strategy. Our information technology (IT) investments and priorities are focused on building a retail-centric IT infrastructure and developing innovative business capabilities that support affordable health solutions and create a personalized customer experience. We continue to leverage technology, information and analytics globally to engage our customers in more meaningful, relevant and customized ways, guided by their needs and tailored to their preferences. Our investments in digital, mobile, gamification, social media and big data enable us to create solutions that improve health and wellness. With increased engagement across the health care ecosystem, we believe that technology can significantly upgrade the customer experience and improve care delivery through collaboration with delivery systems, enabling the transition from a volume-based fee-for-service system to a value-based health care marketplace. While focusing on innovation, we will remain committed to delivering strong foundational IT capabilities that optimize our core infrastructure; build appropriate business continuity and disaster recovery capabilities; and develop layered information protection and strengthened cybersecurity solutions.

Quality Medical Care

Our commitment to promoting quality medical care to the people we serve is reflected in a variety of activities.

Health Improvement through Engaging Providers and Customers

Cigna is committed to developing innovative solutions that span the delivery system and can be applied to different types of providers. We are focused on executing our Connected Care strategy that engages both providers and customers. Currently we have numerous arrangements with our participating health care providers and are actively developing new arrangements to support our Connected Care strategy. These arrangements are focused on creating better engagement between patients and providers with the ultimate goal of achieving better health outcomes for our customers. The key principles that guide our innovative solutions include: improving access to care at the local market level, leveraging actionable patient information, enhancing the patient experience, improving affordability and shifting reimbursement mechanisms to those that reward quality medical outcomes. We continue to increase our engagement with physicians and hospitals by rapidly developing the types of arrangements discussed below. Almost two million medical customers are currently serviced by more than 73,000 health care providers in these types of arrangements.

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• **Cigna Collaborative Care.**

- **Collaborative Accountable Care ("CAC")** – currently we have over 140 collaborative care arrangements with large primary care groups built on the patient-centered medical home and accountable care organization ("ACO") models. Our CAC arrangements span 29 states and reach 1.6 million customers and we are committed to increasing the number of CACs over the next several years. Our goal is to reach 165 of these programs in 2016.
- **Hospital Quality Incentive Program** – compensation paid to 300 hospitals is tied to quality metrics and we expect to add 50 to 100 hospitals over the next two years.
- **Specialty Care Collaboration Program** – we continue to develop arrangements with specialists including programs such as National Obstetrics/Gynecology and our program to reimburse providers for individual "episodes of care" (services performed to treat a specific medical condition).
- **Patient Care Collaboration Program** – we are developing a program which will engage small physician practice first by providing them with actionable patient information to improve outcomes. We anticipate piloting with select physicians in a few markets in 2016.
- **Independent Practice Associations** are innovative physician engagement models in our Cigna-HealthSpring business that allow the physician groups to share financial outcomes with us. The Cigna-HealthSpring clinical model also includes outreach to new and at-risk patients to ensure they are accessing their primary care physician.
- **Delivery System Alliances.** Cigna and select health care providers are collaborating to develop products to improve the experience of Cigna customers by offering integrated health care and providing access to quality, value-based care in local communities.

Participating Provider Network

We provide our customers with an extensive network of participating health care professionals, hospitals, and other facilities, pharmacies and providers of health care services and supplies. In most instances, we contract with them directly; however, in some instances, we contract with third parties for access to their provider networks and care management services. In addition, we have entered into strategic alliances with several regional managed care organizations (e.g., Tufts Health Plan, HealthPartners, Inc., Health Alliance Plan, and MVP Health Plan) to gain access to their provider networks and discounts.

We credential physicians, hospitals and other health care professionals in our participating provider networks using quality criteria that meet or exceed the standards of external accreditation or state regulatory agencies, or both. Typically, most health care professionals are re-credentialed every three years.

The **Cigna Care Network**, a benefit design option available in 72 markets across the U.S., is a subset of participating specialist physicians designated based on specific clinical quality and cost-efficiency criteria. Customers in Cigna Care Network plans pay reduced co-payments or co-insurance when they receive care from a specialist designated as a Cigna Care Network physician. Participating specialists are evaluated regularly for the Cigna Care Network designation.

LocalPlus® is a provider network of doctors and hospitals designed to provide cost-effective and quality care by limiting the network to select health care providers and facilities. We currently offer LocalPlus in 16 markets and will expand this approach in additional markets in 2016.

Medical Care and Onsite Services

- **Cigna Medical Group** is a multi-specialty medical group practice that delivers primary care and certain specialty care services through 23 medical facilities and 150 clinicians in Phoenix, Arizona. These health care centers have received the highest accreditation (level 3) from the National Committee for Quality Assurance ("NCQA").
- **LivingWell Health Centers.** Medicare Advantage customers may receive care from one of our five free-standing clinics and eight "embedded" clinics that incorporate the principles and resources of stand-alone clinics while allowing the customer access to their primary care physician.
- **Cigna Onsite Health** provides employer-based onsite or nearby health centers and health and wellness coaches with nearly 50 health centers and 140 health coaches. Care delivery services include acute, episodic care, primary care, health and wellness coaching programs and biometric screenings. Virtual Health care services are also available to help extend access to care for both coaching and treatment services.

External Validation

We continue to demonstrate our commitment to quality and have a broad scope of quality programs validated through nationally recognized external accreditation organizations. We maintained Health Plan accreditation from the NCQA in 37 of our markets. Additional NCQA recognitions include Full Accreditation for Managed Behavioral Healthcare Organization for Cigna Behavioral Health, Accreditation with Performance Reporting for Wellness & Health Promotion, Accreditation for our wellness programs and Physician & Hospital Quality Certification for our provider transparency program. We have Full Accreditation for Health Utilization Management, Case Management, Pharmacy Benefit Management and Specialty Pharmacy from URAC, an independent, nonprofit health care accrediting organization dedicated to promoting health care quality through accreditation, certification and commendation.

We participate in the NCQA's Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set ("HEDIS®") Quality Compass Report, whose Effectiveness of Care measures are a standard set of metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of managed care clinical programs. Our national results compare favorably to industry averages.

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Markets and Distribution

We offer health care and related products and services in the following customer segments or markets:

		% of Medical Customers
National	Multi-site employers with 5,000 or more U.S.-based, full-time employees. We offer primarily ASO funding solutions in this market segment.	25%
Middle Market	Employers generally with 250 to 4,999 U.S.-based, full-time employees. This segment also includes single-site employers with more than 5,000 employees and Taft-Hartley plans and other groups. We offer ASO, experience-rated and guaranteed cost insured funding solutions in this market segment.	53%
Select	Employers generally with 51-249 eligible employees. We offer ASO (often with stop-loss insurance coverage) and guaranteed cost insured funding solutions in this market segment.	8%
Individual	Individuals in twelve states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Maryland, Missouri, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. In 2015, we offered coverage on eight public health insurance exchanges (Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas). In 2016, we will not be on the public exchange in Florida. Consistent with the regulations for Individual PPACA compliant plans, we offer plans only on a guaranteed cost basis in this market segment.	1%
Government	Individuals who are post-65 retirees, as well as employer group sponsored pre- and post-65 retirees. We offer Medicare Advantage, Prescription Drug programs, and Medicaid products in this market segment including dual-eligible members who receive both Medicare and Medicaid benefits.	4%
International	Local and multinational companies and organizations and their local and globally-mobile employees and dependents. We offer guaranteed cost, experience-rated insured and ASO funding solutions in this market segment.	9%

Cigna Guided SolutionsSM is Cigna's benefit administration and private exchange solution that targets clients who value fully integrated solutions and focus on engaging employees in their benefit offering. It leverages Cigna's ability to provide a fully integrated solution with our broad spectrum of products, benefit plans, services, and full suite of funding options focused on improving total cost, health, and productivity. Through Cigna Guided Solutions, employers enjoy simplified administration and the convenience of single source purchasing while employees receive more choice via an easy-to-use shopping experience and year round engagement. Together with integrated robust decision-support tools, employees are able to make personalized decisions to select the right benefit offering and get the most value from their plans.

In addition, Cigna participates on many third party private exchanges. We actively evaluate private exchange participation opportunities as they emerge in the market, and target our participation to those models that best align with our mission and value proposition. To date, we remain committed to participate with numerous private exchanges for both active employees and retirees.

We employ sales representatives to distribute our products and services through insurance brokers and insurance consultants or directly to employers, unions and other groups or individuals. We also employ representatives to sell access to our national participating provider network, utilization review services, behavioral health care and pharmacy management services, and employee assistance services directly to insurance companies, HMOs and third party administrators. As of December 31, 2015, our field sales force consisted of over 1,400 sales representatives in approximately 130 field locations. In our Government business, Medicare Advantage enrollment is generally a decision made individually by the customer, and accordingly, sales agents and representatives focus their efforts on in-person contacts with potential enrollees, as well as telephonic and group selling venues.

Competition and Industry Developments

Our business is subject to intense competition and continuing industry consolidation that has created an even more competitive business environment. In certain geographic locations, some health care companies may have significant market share positions, but no one competitor dominates the health care market nationally. In 2015, industry consolidation was significant with the announcement of our proposed merger with Anthem as well as Aetna Inc.'s proposed merger with Humana Inc. We expect a continuing trend of consolidation in the overall health care industry (including hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, and providers of medical technology and devices) given the current economic and political environment. We also expect continued vertical integration with the lines blurring between clinicians, hospitals and traditional insurers.

Competition in the health care market exists both for employers and other groups sponsoring plans and for employees in those instances where the employer offers a choice of products from more than one health care company. Most group policies are subject to annual review by the plan sponsor, who may seek competitive quotations prior to renewal. We expect competition to increase in the individual market as a result of the growth in public health insurance exchanges under Health Care Reform. Given the relatively immature individual market and limited data around claim experience, we expect some uncertainty and competitive volatility to continue through these initial years of the exchange roll out. Some of these risks are mitigated by the government risk mitigation programs.

The primary competitive factors affecting our business are quality and cost-effectiveness of service and provider networks; effectiveness of medical care management; products that meet the needs of employers and their employees; total cost management; technology; and effectiveness of marketing and sales. Financial strength of the insurer, as indicated by ratings issued by nationally recognized rating agencies, is also a competitive factor. We believe that our health advocacy capabilities, holistic approach to consumer engagement, breadth of product offerings, clinical care and medical management capabilities and array of product funding options are competitive advantages in meeting the diverse needs of our customer base. We also believe that our focus on helping to improve the health, well-being and sense of security of the customers we serve will allow us to differentiate ourselves from our competitors.

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Our primary competitors in our U.S.-based health care businesses include:

- Other national insurance and health services companies that provide group health and life insurance products;
- Not for profit managed care organizations;
- Other regional stand-alone managed care and specialty companies;
- Managed care organizations affiliated with major insurance companies and hospitals; and
- National managed pharmacy, behavioral health and utilization review services companies

Our primary competitors in the international health care business include U.S. and other health insurance companies with global health benefits operations

In addition to our traditional competitors, new competitors are emerging. Some of these newer competitors, such as hospitals and companies that offer web-based tools for employers and employees, are focused on delivering employee benefits and services through internet-enabled technology that allows consumers to take a more active role in the management of their health. This can be accomplished through financial incentives, access to enhanced quality medical data and other information sharing. The effective use of our health advocacy, customer insight and physician engagement capabilities, along with decision support tools (some of which are web-based) and enabling technology are critical to success in the health care industry, and we believe our capabilities in these areas will be competitive differentiators.

The health insurance marketplace will continue to be shaped by Health Care Reform and changes in Health Care Reform are continuing to occur, including a proposed definition of "small employer" that was to automatically increase to apply to employers with up to 100 employees in 2016. This would have subjected Cigna's insured group health insurance plans to PPACA requirements that are unique to the small employer and individual market. However, legislation repealing this change was enacted late in 2015. In 2017, states have the ability to include larger employer groups (i.e. employers with more than 50 employees) in their small employer health exchanges. If that occurs, all group insurance policies issued in the state will be subject to small employer requirements such as community-rating. Late in 2015, legislation was enacted that delays implementation from 2018 to 2020 of the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage (commonly referred to as the "Cadillac Tax"). State law changes that are inconsistent with federal law changes add additional uncertainty. See the "Regulation" section of this Form 10-K for additional information regarding Health Care Reform.

Global Supplemental Benefits

How We Win

- Leveraging deep consumer insights to drive product innovation
- Targeting the growing middle class and seniors populations globally
- Leading innovative, direct to consumer distribution capabilities (over 150 affinity partners)
- Easy to understand, affordable products designed to fill gaps in either private or public coverage
- Locally licensed and managed by strong, locally developed talent

Products and Services

- Hospitalization
- Dental
- Medicare Supplement
- Critical Illness
- Personal Accident
- Term or Variable Universal Life

Key Geographies and Growth Markets

- Asia: South Korea, China, Taiwan, Indonesia and India
- Europe: UK and Turkey
- United States: Medigap-style plans for retirees

Distribution Channels

- Telemarketing
- Home Shopping & Direct Response Television
- Independent agents
- Bancassurance
- Internet

We continue to distinguish ourselves in the global supplemental health, life and accident businesses through our differentiated direct-to-consumer distribution, customer insights and marketing capabilities. We enter new markets when the opportunity to bring our product and health solutions is attractive. Over the past several years, we have continued to extend our product offerings and geographic reach. For example, in 2014, we began offering products in India through our joint venture with TTK Group.

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Principal Products and Services

Supplemental Health, Life and Accident Insurance

Supplemental health, life and accident insurance products generally provide simple, affordable coverage of risks for the health and financial security of individuals. Supplemental health products provide specified payments for a variety of health risks and include personal accident, accidental death, critical illness, hospitalization, travel, dental, cancer and other dread disease coverages. We also offer customers individual private medical insurance, term and variable universal life insurance, and certain savings products.

Medicare Supplement Plans

We offer individual Medicare Supplement plans that provide retirees with federally standardized Medigap-style plans. Retirees may select among the various plans with specific plan options to meet their unique needs and may visit, without the need for a referral, any health care professional or facility that accepts Medicare throughout the United States.

Pricing and Reinsurance

Premium rates for our global supplemental benefits products are based on assumptions about mortality, morbidity, customer acquisition and retention, customer demographics, expenses and target profit margins, as well as interest rates. For variable universal life insurance products, fees consist of mortality, administrative, asset management and surrender charges assessed against the contractholder's fund balance. Mortality charges on variable universal life may be adjusted prospectively to reflect expected mortality experience. Most contracts permit premium rate changes at least annually.

Most of the businesses in this segment operate through foreign subsidiaries. We maintain a capital management strategy to retain overseas a significant portion of the earnings from these foreign operations. These undistributed earnings are deployed outside of the United States in support of the liquidity and capital requirements of our foreign operations. As a result, the effective tax rate for Global Supplemental Benefits reflects income tax expense that is generally lower than in the United States.

A global approach to underwriting risk management allows each local business to underwrite and accept risk within specified limits. Retentions are centrally managed through cost effective use of external reinsurance to limit our liability on per life, per risk, and per event (catastrophe) bases.

Markets and Distribution

Our supplemental health, life and accident insurance products sold in foreign countries are generally marketed through distribution partners with whom the individual insured has an affinity relationship. These products are sold primarily through direct marketing channels, such as outbound telemarketing, and in-branch bancassurance (when we partner with a bank and use the bank's sales channels to sell our insurance products). Marketing campaigns are conducted through these channels under a variety of arrangements with affinity partners, including banks, credit card companies and other financial and non-financial institutions. We also market directly to consumers via direct response television and the Internet. In certain countries, we market our products through captive and third party brokers and agents. Our Medicare supplement product line is distributed primarily through independent agents and telemarketing directly to the consumer.

South Korea represents our single largest geographic market for Global Supplemental Benefits. For information on this concentration of risk for the Global Supplemental Benefits segment's business in South Korea, see "Other Items Affecting Results of Global Supplemental Benefits" in the Global Supplemental Benefits section of Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") beginning on page 50 of this Form 10-K.

For our supplemental health, life and accident insurance products sold in foreign markets we are increasingly exposed to geopolitical, currency and other risks inherent in foreign operations. Also, given that we bill and collect a significant portion of premiums through credit cards, a substantial contraction in consumer credit could impact our ability to retain existing policies and sell new policies. A decline in customer retention would result in both a reduction of revenue and an acceleration of the amortization of acquisition-related costs. Changes in regulation for permitted distribution channels also may impact our business or results.

Competition

We expect that the competitive environment for global supplemental benefits will continue to intensify as U.S., Europe and other regionally-based insurance and financial services providers more aggressively pursue expansion opportunities across geographies, especially in Asia. We believe competitive factors will include branding, product and distribution innovation and differentiation, efficient management of marketing processes and costs, commission levels paid to distribution partners, the quality of claims, local network coverage, customer services and talent acquisition and retention. Additionally, in most overseas markets, perception of financial strength also will likely continue to be an important competitive factor.

Our competitors are primarily locally-based insurance companies, including insurance subsidiaries of banks primarily in Asia and Europe and multi-national companies. Insurance company competitors in this segment primarily focus on traditional product distribution through captive agents, with direct marketing being secondary channels. We estimate that we have less than 3% market share of the total insurance premiums in any given market in which we operate.

In the Medicare supplement business, the principal competitive factors are underwriting and pricing, relative operating efficiency, broker relations, and the quality of claims and customer service. Our primary competitors in this business include U.S.-based health insurance companies.

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Industry Developments

Pressure on social health care systems, a rapidly aging population and increased wealth and education in developing insurance markets are leading to higher demand for products providing health insurance and financial security. In the supplemental health, life and accident business, direct marketing channels continue to grow and attract new competitors with industry consolidation among financial institutions and other affinity partners.

Data privacy regulation has tightened in all markets in the wake of data privacy news scandals, impacting affinity partner and customer attitudes toward direct marketing of insurance and other financial services.

Group Disability and Life

How We Win

- **Disability absence management model** that reduces overall costs to employers
- **Integration** of disability products with medical and specialty offerings, promoting health, wellness and optimizing employee productivity
- **Complementary portfolio** of group disability, life and accident offerings
- **Disciplined underwriting, pricing and investment strategies** supporting profitable long-term growth

Products and Services

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-term disability • Long-term disability • Leave administration • Basic-term life • Voluntary term life | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group universal life • Personal and voluntary accident • Business travel accident • Critical illness and Accidental injury |
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Distribution Channels

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance brokers and consultants • Sales representatives |
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Customer Segments

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National • Middle Market • Select |
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Our Group Disability and Life business markets its products and services in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada.

Products and Services

Group Disability

Long-term and short-term group disability insurance products generally provide a fixed level of income to replace a portion of wages lost because of disability. Group disability coverage is typically employer-paid or a combination of employer and employee-paid, but also may include coverage paid for entirely by employees. As part of our group disability insurance products, we also provide assistance to employees in returning to work and assistance to their employers in managing the cost of employee disability. We are an industry leader in helping employees return to work quickly, resulting in higher productivity and lower cost for employers and a better quality of life for their employees.

We seek to integrate the administration of our disability insurance products with other disability benefit programs, behavioral programs, medical programs, social security advocacy, and administration of federal and state Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA") laws and other leave of absence programs. We believe this integration provides our customers with increased efficiency and effectiveness in disability claims management, enhances productivity and reduces overall costs to employers. This integration also provides early insight into employees at risk for future disability claims. Coordinating the administration of these disability programs with medical programs offered by our health care business provides enhanced opportunities to influence outcomes, reduce the cost of both medical and disability events and improve the return to work rate. The benefits of this integrated approach also include:

- using information from the health care and disability databases to help identify, treat and manage disabilities before they become longer in duration or chronic and more costly; and
- proactively reaching out to assist employees suffering from a mental health or chronic condition, either as a primary condition or as a result of another condition.

Our disability products and services are offered on a fully insured, experience-rated and ASO basis, although most are fully insured. As measured by 2015 premiums and fees, disability constituted 48% of this segment's business. Approximately 14,300 insured disability policies covering approximately eight million lives were in force as of December 31, 2015.

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Group Life Insurance

Group life insurance products offered include term life and universal life. Group term life insurance may be employer-paid basic life insurance, employee-paid supplemental life insurance or a combination thereof. Group universal life insurance is an employee-paid, voluntary life insurance product in which the owner may accumulate a cash value. The cash value earns interest at rates declared from time to time, subject to a minimum guaranteed contracted rate, and may be borrowed, withdrawn, or, within certain limits, used to fund future life insurance coverage.

As measured by 2015 premiums and fees, group life insurance constituted approximately 45% of this segment's business. Approximately 11,000 group life insurance policies covering over 7.5 million lives were in force as of December 31, 2015.

Other Products and Services

We also offer personal accident insurance coverage, consisting primarily of accidental death and dismemberment and travel accident insurance to employers. Group accident insurance may be employer-paid or employee-paid. In addition, we offer specialty insurance services that consist primarily of disability and life, accident, and hospital indemnity products to professional or trade associations and financial institutions.

We also provide a number of voluntary products and services that are typically paid by the employee and offered at the employer's worksite. Our plans provide employers with administrative solutions designed to provide employers with a complete and simple way to manage their benefits program. In recent years, we have brought to market two additional voluntary offerings – accidental injury insurance and critical illness coverage. Both products provide additional dollar payouts to employees for unexpected accidents or more serious illnesses.

Pricing and Reinsurance

Premiums charged for disability and term life insurance products are usually established in advance of the policy period and are generally guaranteed for one to three years and selectively guaranteed for up to five years; policies are generally subject to termination by the policyholder or by the insurance company annually. Premium rates reflect assumptions about future claims, expenses, credit risk, investment returns and profit margins. These assumptions may be based in whole or in part on prior experience of the account or on a pool of accounts, depending on the group size and the statistical credibility of the experience that varies by product.

Premiums for group universal life insurance products consist of mortality and administrative charges assessed against the policyholder's fund balance. Interest credited and mortality charges for group universal life may be adjusted prospectively to reflect expected interest and mortality experience. Mortality charges are subject to maximum guaranteed rates and interest credited on cash values is subject to minimum guaranteed rates as stated in the policy.

The premiums for these products are typically collected within the coverage year and then invested in assets that match the duration of the expected benefit payments that occur over many future years (primarily for disability benefits). With significant investments in longer-duration securities, net investment income is a critical element of profitability for this segment.

The effectiveness of return to work programs and morbidity levels will impact the profitability of disability insurance products. Our previous claim experience and industry data indicate a correlation between disability claim incidence levels and economic conditions, with submitted claims rising under adverse economic conditions, although this impact is not clear. For life insurance products, the degree to which future experience deviates from mortality and expense assumptions also affects profitability.

To reduce our exposure to large individual and catastrophic losses under group life, disability and accidental death policies, as well as our newer accidental injury and critical illness policies, we purchase reinsurance from a diverse group of unaffiliated reinsurers. Our comprehensive reinsurance program consists of quota share and excess of loss treaties and catastrophe coverage designed to mitigate earnings volatility and provide surplus protection.

Markets and Distribution

We market our group disability and life insurance products and services to employers, employees, professional and other associations and groups in the National, Middle Market and Select segments. In marketing these products, we primarily sell through insurance brokers and consultants and employ a direct sales force consisting of approximately 265 sales professionals in 27 office locations as of December 31, 2015.

Competition

The principal competitive factors that affect the Group Disability and Life segment are underwriting and pricing, the quality and effectiveness of claims management, relative operating efficiency, investment and risk management, distribution methodologies and producer relations, the breadth and variety of products and services offered, and the quality of customer service. For certain products with longer-term liabilities, such as group long-term disability insurance, the financial strength of the insurer, as indicated by ratings issued by nationally recognized rating agencies, also is a competitive factor.

The principal competitors of our group disability, life and accident businesses are other large and regional insurance companies that market and distribute these or similar types of products. As of December 31, 2015, we are one of the top five providers of group disability, life and accident insurance in the United States, based on premiums.

Industry Developments

Employers are expressing a growing interest in employee wellness, absence management and productivity and likewise are recognizing a strong link between employee health, productivity and their profitability. As this interest grows, we believe our healthy lifestyle and return-to-work programs and integrated family medical leave, disability and health care programs position us to deliver integrated

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solutions for employers and employees. We also believe that our strong disability management portfolio and fully integrated programs provide tools for employers and employees to improve health status. This focus on managing the employee's total absence enables us to increase the number and effectiveness of interventions and minimize disabling events.

The group insurance market remains highly competitive as the rising cost of providing medical coverage to employees has forced companies to re-evaluate their overall employee benefit spending, resulting in lower volumes of group disability and life insurance business and more competitive pricing. Demographic shifts have further driven demand for products and services that are sufficiently flexible to meet the evolving needs of employers and employees who want innovative, cost-effective solutions to their insurance needs. Employers continue to shift towards greater employee participatory coverage and voluntary purchases. With our broad suite of voluntary offerings and continued focus on developing additional voluntary products and service capabilities, we believe we are well positioned to meet the needs of both employers and employees as the market shifts to become more retail-focused.

Over the past few years, there has been heightened review by state regulators of the claims handling practices within the disability and life insurance industry. This has resulted in an increase in coordinated, multi-state examinations that target specific market practices in addition to regularly recurring examinations of an insurer's overall operations conducted by an individual state's regulators. We have recently been subject to such an examination. See Note 23 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

The depressed level of interest rates in the United States over the last several years has constrained earnings growth in this segment due to lower yields on our fixed-income investments, and higher benefit expenses resulting from the discounting of future claim payments at lower interest rates.

Other Operations

Other Operations includes the following four businesses:

Corporate-owned Life Insurance

The principal products of the COLI business are permanent insurance contracts sold to corporations to provide coverage on the lives of certain employees for the purpose of financing employer-paid future benefit obligations. Permanent life insurance provides coverage that, when adequately funded, does not expire after a term of years. The contracts are primarily non-participating universal life policies. Fees for universal life insurance products consist primarily of mortality and administrative charges assessed against the policyholder's fund balance. Interest credited and mortality charges for universal life and mortality charges on variable universal life may be adjusted prospectively to reflect expected interest and mortality experience. To reduce our exposure to large individual and catastrophe losses, we purchase reinsurance from unaffiliated reinsurers.

Run-off Settlement Annuity Business

Our settlement annuity business is a closed, run-off block of single premium annuity contracts. These contracts are primarily liability settlements with approximately 21% of the liabilities associated with payments that are guaranteed and not contingent on survivorship. For contracts that involve non-guaranteed payments, such payments are contingent on the survival of one or more parties involved in the settlement.

Run-off Reinsurance

Our reinsurance operations are an inactive business in run-off mode.

In February 2013, we effectively exited the GMDB and GMIB business by reinsuring 100% of our future exposures, net of retrocessional arrangements in place at that time, up to a specified limit. For additional information regarding this reinsurance transaction, see Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Individual Life Insurance and Annuity and Retirement Benefits Businesses

This business includes deferred gains recognized from the 1998 sale of the individual life insurance and annuity business and the 2004 sale of the retirement benefits business. For more information regarding the sale of these businesses and the arrangements that secure our reinsurance recoverables for the retirement benefits business, see Note 7 of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Investments and Investment Income

General Accounts

Our investment operations provide investment management and related services for our corporate invested assets and the insurance-related invested assets in our General Account ("General Account Invested Assets"). We acquire or originate, directly or through intermediaries, a broad range of investments including private placement and public securities, commercial mortgage loans, real estate, mezzanine, private equity partnerships and short-term investments. Invested assets also include policy loans that are fully collateralized by insurance policy cash values. Invested Assets are managed primarily by our subsidiaries and, to a lesser extent, external managers with whom our subsidiaries contract. Net investment income is included as a component of adjusted income from operations for each of our reporting segments and Corporate. Realized investment gains (losses) are reported by segment but excluded from adjusted income from operations. For additional information about invested assets, see the "Investment Assets" section of the MD&A beginning on page 53 and Notes 10 to 14 of our Consolidated Financial Statements.

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We manage our investment portfolios to reflect the underlying characteristics of related insurance and contractholder liabilities and capital requirements, as well as regulatory and tax considerations pertaining to those liabilities and state investment laws. Insurance and contractholder liabilities range from short duration health care products to longer term obligations associated with disability and life insurance products and the run-off settlement annuity business. Assets supporting these liabilities are managed in segregated investment portfolios to facilitate matching of asset durations and cash flows to those of corresponding liabilities. Investment strategy and results are affected by the amount and timing of cash available for investment, competition for investments, economic conditions, interest rates and asset allocation decisions. We routinely monitor and evaluate the status of our investments, obtaining and analyzing relevant investment-specific information and assessing current economic conditions, trends in capital markets and other factors such as industry sector, geographic and property-specific information.

Separate Accounts

Our subsidiaries or external advisors manage Separate Account assets on behalf of contractholders. These assets are legally segregated from our other businesses and are not included in General Account Invested Assets. Income, gains and losses generally accrue directly to the contractholders. As of December 31, 2015, our Separate Account assets consisted of:

- \$3.6 billion in separate account assets that constitute a portion of the assets of the Cigna Pension Plan;
- \$3.3 billion in separate account assets that support Variable Universal Life products sold as a part of our corporate-owned life insurance business, as well as through our Global Supplemental Benefits segment; and
- \$900 million in separate account assets that support primarily health care and other disability and life products.

Regulation

The laws and regulations governing our business continue to increase each year and are subject to frequent change. We are regulated by state, federal and international regulatory agencies that generally have discretion to issue regulations and interpret and enforce laws and rules. These regulations can vary significantly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, and the interpretation of existing laws and rules also may change periodically. Domestic and international governments continue to enact and consider various legislative and regulatory proposals that could materially impact the health care system.

Our insurance and HMO subsidiaries must be licensed by the jurisdictions in which they conduct business. These subsidiaries are subject to numerous state, federal and international regulations related to their business operations, including, but not limited to:

- the form and content of customer contracts including benefit mandates (including special requirements for small groups);
- premium rates and medical loss ratios;
- the content of agreements with participating providers of covered services;
- producer appointment and compensation;
- claims processing, payment and appeals;
- underwriting practices;
- reinsurance arrangements;
- solvency and financial reporting;
- unfair trade and claim practices;
- market conduct;
- protecting the privacy and confidentiality of the information received from customers;
- risk sharing arrangements with providers;
- reimbursement or payment levels for Medicare services;
- advertising; and
- the operation of consumer-directed plans (including health savings accounts, health reimbursement accounts, flexible spending accounts and debit cards).

The business of administering and insuring employee benefit programs in the United States, particularly health care programs, is heavily regulated by state and federal laws and administrative agencies, such as state departments of insurance, and federal agencies including HHS, CMS, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and the Departments of Labor, Treasury and Justice, as well as the courts. Health savings accounts, health reimbursement accounts and flexible spending accounts also are regulated by the Department of the Treasury and the IRS.

Our operations, accounts and other books and records are subject to examination at regular intervals by regulatory agencies, including state insurance and health and welfare departments, state boards of pharmacy, CMS and comparable international regulators to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations. In addition, our current and past business practices are subject to review by, and from time to time we receive subpoenas and other requests of information from, various state insurance and health care regulatory authorities, attorneys general, the Office of Inspector General ("OIG"), the Department of Labor and other state, federal and international authorities, including inquiries by, and testimony before committees and subcommittees of the U.S. Congress regarding certain of our business practices. These examinations, reviews, subpoenas and requests may result in changes to or clarifications of our business practices, as well as fines, penalties or other sanctions.

Our international subsidiaries are subject to regulations in international jurisdictions where foreign insurers may be faced with more onerous regulations than their domestic competitors. In addition, the expansion of our operations into foreign countries increases our exposure to certain U.S. laws, such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 ("FCPA"). See page 18 for further discussion of international regulations.

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Health Care Reform

Health Care Reform mandated broad changes affecting insured and self-insured health benefit plans that impact our current business model, including our relationship with current and future customers, producers and health care providers, products, services, processes and technology. While certain components of Health Care Reform will continue to be phased in through 2020, most of the key provisions of Health Care Reform are now effective. Health Care Reform left many details to be established through regulations. Although federal agencies have published proposed and final regulations with respect to most provisions, many issues remain uncertain. Certain provisions of Health Care Reform have been, and will likely continue to be, subject to legal challenge.

Key Provisions of Health Care Reform

Various fees, including the health insurance industry tax and the reinsurance fee, were assessed beginning in 2014. The health insurance industry assessment, totaling \$11.3 billion for the industry in 2015 and increasing to \$14.3 billion by 2018, is not tax deductible. In December 2015, the federal appropriations legislation imposed a one-year moratorium on the industry tax for 2017, with reinstatement expected in 2018. Our share of this industry tax is determined based on our proportion of premiums for both our commercial and government risk businesses to the industry total. The reinsurance fee is a temporary (2014-2016) fixed dollar per customer levy on all insurers, HMOs and self-insured group health plans and is tax deductible.

The health insurance exchange enrollment process began on October 1, 2013 with coverage first effective in 2014. Each state has a state-based, a state and federal partnership, or a federally-facilitated health insurance exchange for individuals and small employer groups to purchase insurance coverage. Because individuals seeking to purchase health insurance coverage either on or off the exchanges are guaranteed to be issued a policy, Health Care Reform provides programs designed to reduce the risk for participating health insurance companies including: (1) a temporary (2014-2016) reinsurance program; and (2) a premium stabilization program comprised of two components: a temporary program (2014-2016) limiting insurer gains and losses, and a permanent program that adjusts premiums based on the relative health status of the customer base. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements and the Introduction to the MD&A contained in this Form 10-K for additional information on these programs.

MLR requirements, as prescribed by HHS, became effective in January 2011 and require payment of premium rebates to group and individual policyholders if certain annual MLRs are not met in our commercial business. In December 2014, the federal government enacted legislation that provides permanent relief from certain Health Care Reform requirements for expatriate health coverage (including the MLR requirements).

Other provisions of Health Care Reform in effect include reduced Medicare Advantage premium rates, the requirement to cover preventive services with no enrollee cost-sharing, banning the use of lifetime and annual limits on the dollar amount of essential health benefits, increasing restrictions on rescinding coverage and extending coverage of dependents to the age of 26. Beginning in 2015 and continuing into 2016, phase-in of the employer mandate requires employers with 50 or more full-time employees to offer affordable health insurance that provides minimum value (each as defined under Health Care Reform) to full-time employees and dependent children up to age 26 or be subject to penalties based on employer size. Health Care Reform also changed certain tax laws that effectively limit tax deductions for certain employee compensation paid by health insurers.

Our Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D prescription drug plan businesses also have been impacted by Health Care Reform in a variety of additional ways, including mandated minimum reductions to risk scores, transition of Medicare Advantage "benchmark" rates to Medicare fee-for-service parity, reduced enrollment periods and limitations on disenrollment, providing "quality bonuses" for Medicare Advantage plans with a rating for four or five stars from CMS and mandated consumer discounts on brand name and generic prescription drugs for Medicare Part D plan participants in the coverage gap. Beginning in 2014, Health Care Reform requires Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D plans to meet a minimum MLR of 85%. Under the finalized regulations promulgated by HHS, if the MLR for a CMS contract is less than 85%, we are required to pay a penalty to CMS and could be required to make additional payments if the MLR continues to be less than 85% for successive years. Through Health Care Reform and other federal legislation, funding for Medicare Advantage plans has been and may continue to be altered.

We have substantially implemented the key provisions of Health Care Reform. Management continues to be actively engaged with regulators and policymakers with respect to rule-making. For the financial effects of certain Health Care Reform provisions, see the Overview section of our MD&A beginning on page 35 of this Form 10-K. In addition, accounting policies around the government's risk mitigation programs are further disclosed in Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Regulation of Insurance Companies

Financial Reporting, Internal Control and Corporate Governance

Regulators closely monitor the financial condition of licensed insurance companies and HMOs. States regulate the form and content of statutory financial statements, the type and concentration of permitted investments, and corporate governance over financial reporting. Our insurance and HMO subsidiaries are required to file periodic financial reports and schedules with regulators in most of the jurisdictions in which they do business as well as annual financial statements audited by independent registered public accounting firms. Certain insurance and HMO subsidiaries are required to file an annual report of internal control over financial reporting with most jurisdictions in which they do business. Insurance and HMO subsidiaries' operations and accounts are subject to examination by such agencies. We expect states to expand regulations relating to corporate governance and internal control activities of insurance and HMO subsidiaries as a result of model regulations adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC") with

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elements similar to corporate governance and risk oversight disclosure requirements under federal securities laws. The NAIC formally adopted these requirements in late 2014, with applicability to U.S. insurers beginning in 2016.

Guaranty Associations, Indemnity Funds, Risk Pools and Administrative Funds

Most states and certain non-U.S. jurisdictions require insurance companies to support guaranty associations or indemnity funds that are established to pay claims on behalf of insolvent insurance companies. In the United States, to pay such claims, these associations levy assessments on member insurers licensed in a particular state. Certain states require HMOs to participate in guaranty funds, special risk pools and administrative funds. For additional information about guaranty fund and other assessments, see Note 23 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Certain states continue to require health insurers and HMOs to participate in assigned risk plans, joint underwriting authorities, pools or other residual market mechanisms to cover risks not acceptable under normal underwriting standards, although some states have eliminated these requirements as a result of Health Care Reform.

Solvency and Capital Requirements

Many states have adopted some form of the NAIC model solvency-related laws and risk-based capital rules ("RBC rules") for life and health insurance companies. The RBC rules recommend a minimum level of capital depending on the types and quality of investments held, the types of business written and the types of liabilities incurred. If the ratio of the insurer's adjusted surplus to its risk-based capital falls below statutory required minimums, the insurer could be subject to regulatory actions ranging from increased scrutiny to conservatorship.

In addition, various non-U.S. jurisdictions prescribe minimum surplus requirements that are based upon solvency, liquidity and reserve coverage measures. Our HMOs and life and health insurance subsidiaries, as well as non-U.S. insurance subsidiaries, are compliant with applicable RBC and non-U.S. surplus rules.

The Risk Management and Own Risk and Solvency Assessment Model Act ("ORSA"), adopted by the NAIC, provides requirements and principles for maintaining a group solvency assessment and a risk management framework and reflects a broader approach to U.S. insurance regulation. ORSA includes a requirement to file an annual ORSA Summary Report in the lead state of domicile and now must be adopted into law by each state. Our insurance business in the United States is subject to these requirements and we filed our initial ORSA Summary Report as required in 2015.

Holding Company Laws

Our domestic insurance companies and certain of our HMOs are subject to state laws regulating subsidiaries of insurance holding companies. Under such laws, certain dividends, distributions and other transactions between an insurance company or an HMO subsidiary and its affiliates may require notification to, or approval by, one or more state insurance commissioners.

Marketing, Advertising and Products

In most states, our insurance companies and HMO subsidiaries are required to certify compliance with applicable advertising regulations on an annual basis. Our insurance companies and HMO subsidiaries are also required by most states to file and secure regulatory approval of products prior to the marketing, advertising, and sale of such products.

Licensing Requirements

Certain of our subsidiaries are pharmacies that dispense prescription drugs to participants of benefit plans administered or insured by our HMO and insurance company subsidiaries. These pharmacy-subsidaries are subject to state licensing requirements and regulation as well as U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency registration requirements. Other laws and regulations affecting our pharmacy-subsidaries include federal and state laws concerning labeling, packaging, advertising and adulteration of prescription drugs and dispensing of controlled substances.

Certain subsidiaries contract to provide claim administration, utilization management and other related services for the administration of self-insured benefit plans. These subsidiaries may be subject to state third-party administration and other licensing requirements and regulation.

Our international subsidiaries are often required to be licensed when entering new markets or starting new operations in certain jurisdictions. The licensure requirements for these subsidiaries vary by country and are subject to change.

Other Federal and State Regulations

Employee Retirement Income Security Act and the Public Health Service Act

Our domestic subsidiaries sell most of their products and services to sponsors of employee benefit plans that are governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). ERISA is a complex set of federal laws and regulations enforced by the IRS and the Department of Labor, as well as the courts. Our domestic subsidiaries are subject to requirements imposed by ERISA affecting claim payment and appeals procedures for individual health insurance and insured and self-insured group health plans and for the insured dental, disability, life and accident plans we administer. Our domestic subsidiaries also may contractually agree to comply with these requirements on behalf of the self-insured dental, disability, life and accident plans they administer.

Many provisions of Health Care Reform impacting insured and self-insured group health plans were incorporated into ERISA. The health insurance reform provisions under ERISA were also incorporated into the Public Health Service Act and are directly applicable to health insurance issuers (i.e., health insurers and HMOs).

Plans subject to ERISA also can be subject to state laws and the legal question of whether and to what extent ERISA preempts a state law has been, and will continue to be, subject to court interpretation.

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Medicare Regulations

Several of our subsidiaries engage in businesses that are subject to federal Medicare regulations, such as:

- those offering individual and group Medicare Advantage (HMO) coverage;
- those offering Medicare Pharmacy (Part D) products that are subject to federal Medicare regulations; and
- billing of Medicare Part B claims on behalf of providers with whom we have contractual management agreements

In our Medicare Advantage business, we contract with CMS to provide services to Medicare beneficiaries pursuant to the Medicare program. As a result, our right to obtain payment (and the determination of the amount of such payments), enroll and retain members and expand into new service areas is subject to compliance with CMS' numerous and complex regulations and requirements that are frequently modified and subject to administrative discretion. Marketing and sales activities (including those of third-party brokers and agents) are also heavily regulated by CMS and other governmental agencies, including applicable state departments of insurance. We will continue to allocate significant resources to our compliance, ethics and fraud and waste and abuse programs to comply with the laws and regulations governing Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plan programs.

Several of our subsidiaries are also subject to reporting requirements pursuant to Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007.

Federal Audits of Government Sponsored Health Care Programs

Participation in government sponsored health care programs subjects us to a variety of federal laws and regulations and risks associated with audits conducted under these programs. These audits may occur in years subsequent to our providing the relevant services under audit. These risks may include reimbursement claims as well as potential fines and penalties. For example, with respect to our Medicare Advantage business, CMS and the OIG perform audits to determine a health plan's compliance with federal regulations and contractual obligations, including compliance with proper coding practices (sometimes referred to as "Risk Adjustment Data Validation Audits" or "RADV audits") and compliance with fraud and abuse enforcement practices through Recovery Audit Contractor ("RAC") audits in which third-party contractors conduct post-payment reviews on a contingency fee basis to detect and correct improper payments. See "Business – Global Health Care" beginning on page 3 of this Form 10-K for additional information about our participation in government health-related programs.

The federal government has made investigating and prosecuting health care fraud and abuse a priority. Fraud and abuse prohibitions encompass a wide range of activities, including kickbacks for referral of customers, billing for unnecessary medical services, improper marketing, and violation of patient privacy rights. The regulations and contractual requirements in this area are complex, are frequently modified, and are subject to administrative discretion. We expect to continue to allocate significant resources to comply with these regulations and requirements and to maintain audit readiness.

Privacy, Security and Data Standards Regulations

The federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and its implementing regulations ("HIPAA") imposes minimum standards on health insurers, HMOs, health plans, health care providers and clearinghouses for the privacy and security of protected health information. HIPAA also established rules that standardize the format and content of certain electronic transactions, including, but not limited to, eligibility and claims. Effective October 2015, entities subject to HIPAA were required to update their transaction formats for electronic data interchange standards and convert to new ICD-10 diagnosis and procedure codes.

HIPAA's privacy and security requirements were expanded by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act ("HITECH") through additional contracting requirements for covered entities, the extension of privacy and security provisions to business associates, the requirement to provide notification to various parties in the event of a data breach of protected health information, and enhanced financial penalties for HIPAA violations, including potential criminal penalties for individuals.

The federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act generally places restrictions on the disclosure of non-public information to non-affiliated third parties, and requires financial institutions, including insurers, to provide customers with notice regarding how their non-public personal information is used, including an opportunity to "opt out" of certain disclosures. State departments of insurance and certain federal agencies adopted implementing regulations as required by federal law.

A number of states have adopted data security laws and regulations, regulating data security and requiring security breach notification that may apply to us in certain circumstances. Neither HIPAA nor the Gramm-Leach-Bliley privacy regulations preempt more stringent state laws and regulations.

Consumer Protection Laws

We engage in direct-to-consumer activities and are increasingly offering mobile and web-based solutions to our customers. We are therefore subject to federal and state regulations applicable to electronic communications and other consumer protection laws and regulations, such as the Telephone Consumer Protection Act and the CAN-SPAM Act. In particular, the Federal Trade Commission is increasingly exercising its enforcement authority in the areas of consumer privacy and data security, with a focus on web-based, mobile data.

Dodd-Frank Act and Investment-Related Regulations

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act") provides for a number of reforms and regulations in the corporate governance, financial reporting and disclosure, investments, tax and enforcement areas. The Dodd-Frank Act established a Federal Insurance Office (the "FIO") to develop federal policy on insurance matters. While the FIO does not have authority over health insurance, it may have authority over other parts of our business, such as life insurance. Additional rulemaking by the

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SEC and other regulatory authorities continues. We are closely monitoring how these regulations might impact us; however, the full impact may not be known for several years until regulations become fully effective.

Depending upon their nature, our investment management activities are subject to U.S. federal securities laws, ERISA and other federal and state laws governing investment related activities. In many cases, the investment management activities and investments of individual insurance companies are subject to regulation by multiple jurisdictions.

Office of Foreign Assets Control Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering

We also are subject to regulation by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury that administers and enforces economic and trade sanctions based on U.S. foreign policy and national security goals against targeted foreign countries and regimes.

Certain of our products are subject to Department of the Treasury anti-money laundering regulations under the Bank Secrecy Act.

In addition, we may be subject to similar regulations in non-U.S. jurisdictions in which we operate.

Antitrust Regulations

Federal and state antitrust regulators, such as the Department of Justice and state attorneys general, are reviewing the proposed merger with Anthem. In addition, our subsidiaries also engage in activities that may be scrutinized under federal and state antitrust laws and regulations. These activities include the administration of strategic alliances with competitors, information sharing with competitors and provider contracting.

International Regulations

Our operations outside the United States expose us to laws of multiple jurisdictions and the rules and regulations of various governing bodies and regulators, including those related to financial and other disclosures, corporate governance, privacy, data protection, data mining, data transfer, intellectual property, labor and employment, consumer protection, direct-to-consumer communications activities, anti-corruption and anti-money laundering. Foreign laws and rules may include requirements that are different from or more stringent than similar requirements in the United States.

Our operations in countries outside the United States:

- are subject to local regulations of the jurisdictions in which our subsidiaries conduct business,
- in some cases, are subject to regulations in the locations of customers, and
- in all cases, are subject to the FCPA.

The FCPA prohibits offering, promising, providing or authorizing others to give anything of value to a foreign government official or employee to obtain or retain business or otherwise secure a business advantage. In many countries outside of the United States, health care professionals are employed by the government. Violations of the FCPA and other anti-corruption laws may result in severe criminal and civil sanctions as well as other penalties, and the SEC and Department of Justice have increased their enforcement activities with respect to FCPA. The UK Bribery Act of 2010 applies to all companies with a nexus to the United Kingdom. Under this act, any voluntary disclosures of FCPA violations may be shared with United Kingdom authorities, thus potentially exposing companies to liability and potential penalties in multiple jurisdictions.

If our employees or agents fail to comply with applicable laws governing our international operations, we may face investigations, prosecutions and other legal proceedings and actions that could result in civil penalties, administrative remedies and criminal sanctions. See the Risk Factors section beginning on page 19 for a discussion of risks related to our global operations.

Miscellaneous

Premiums and fees from CMS represented 21% of our total consolidated revenues for the year ended December 31, 2015 under a number of contracts. We are not dependent on business from one or a few customers. Other than CMS, no one customer accounted for 10% or more of our consolidated revenues in 2015. We are not dependent on business from one or a few brokers or agents. In addition, our insurance businesses are generally not committed to accept a fixed portion of the business submitted by independent brokers and agents, and generally all such business is subject to approval and acceptance.

We had approximately 39,300 employees as of December 31, 2015; 37,200 employees as of December 31, 2014; and 36,500 employees as of December 31, 2013.

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As a large company operating in a complex industry, we encounter a variety of risks and uncertainties that could have a material adverse effect on our business, liquidity, results of operations or financial condition. You should carefully consider each of the risks and uncertainties discussed below, in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition and information contained elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. These risks and uncertainties are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently believe to be immaterial may also adversely affect us.

Our business is subject to substantial government regulation, as well as new laws or regulations or changes in existing laws or regulations that could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and liquidity.

Our business is regulated at the federal, state, local and international levels. The laws and rules governing our business and related interpretations, including, among others, those associated with Health Care Reform, are increasing in number and complexity, are subject to frequent change and can be inconsistent or in conflict with each other. As a public company with global operations, we are subject to the laws of multiple jurisdictions and the rules and regulations of various governing bodies, such as those related to financial and other disclosures, corporate governance, privacy, data protection, labor and employment, consumer protection, tax and anti-corruption.

We must identify, assess and respond to new trends in the legislative and regulatory environment, as well as comply with the various existing regulations applicable to our business. Existing or future laws, rules, regulatory interpretations or judgments could force us to change how we conduct our business, restrict revenue and enrollment growth, increase health care, technology and administrative costs including capital requirements, and require enhancements to our compliance infrastructure and internal controls environment. Existing or future laws and rules also could require us to take other actions such as changing our business practices, thereby increasing our liability in federal and state courts for coverage determinations, contract interpretation and other actions.

In the foreseeable future, the impact of existing regulations and future regulatory and legislative changes could materially adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows by, among other things:

- reducing the potential for growth in revenues and customers by disrupting the employer-based market (currently the primary market for our Commercial operating segment) if employers cease to offer health care coverage for their employees;
- restricting revenue, premium and customer growth in certain products and markets or expansion into new markets;
- increasing health care or other benefit costs through enhanced or guaranteed coverage requirements;
- increasing operating costs through the imposition of new regulatory requirements, increased taxes and other financial assessments;
- restricting our ability to increase premium rates to meet costs (including denial or delays in approval and implementation of those rates);
- limiting the level of margin we can earn on premiums through mandated minimum medical loss ratios and required rebates in the event we do not meet mandated minimum ratios;
- restricting our ability to participate in and derive revenue from government-sponsored programs; and
- significantly reducing the level of Medicare program payments.

Specifically, in the United States, significant changes are occurring in the health care system as a result of Health Care Reform. Substantially all of the key provisions of Health Care Reform are now effective. While federal agencies have published interim and final regulations with respect to certain requirements, many issues remain uncertain. It is difficult to predict the continuing impact of Health Care Reform on our business due to the political environment, the continuing development of implementing regulations and interpretive guidance, legal challenges and possible future legislative changes. We are unable to predict how these events will develop and what impact they will have on Health Care Reform, and in turn, on our business including, but not limited to, our relationships with current and future customers, producers and health care providers, products, services, processes and technology.

Further, if we fail to effectively implement or adjust our strategic and operational initiatives, such as by reducing operating costs, adjusting premium pricing or benefit design or transforming our business model in response to Health Care Reform and any other future legislative or regulatory changes, this failure may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows, including, but not limited to, our ability to maintain the value of our goodwill and other intangible assets.

Our insurance and HMO subsidiaries must be licensed by and are subject to the regulations of the jurisdictions in which they conduct business. For example, health maintenance organizations and insurance companies are regulated under specific state laws and regulations and other health care-related regulations. State regulations mandate minimum capital or restricted cash reserve requirements and subject us to assessments under guaranty fund laws and related regulations for certain obligations to claimants of insolvent insurance companies that would expose our business to the risk of insolvency of a competitor in these states. We also participate in the emerging private exchange marketplace. The extent to which states may issue regulations that apply to private exchanges remains uncertain.

In addition to the regulations discussed above, we are required to obtain and maintain insurance and other regulatory approvals to market many of our products, increase prices for certain regulated products and consummate some of our acquisitions and dispositions. Delays in obtaining or failure to obtain or maintain these approvals could reduce our revenue or increase our costs.

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The health care industry is also regularly subject to negative media attention, including as a result of the political environment and the ongoing debate concerning Health Care Reform. Such publicity may adversely affect our stock price and reputation in certain markets.

For more information on regulation, see "Business – Regulation" in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-K. See also the description of Health Care Reform's minimum medical loss ratio and customer rebate requirements in the "Business – Global Health Care" section beginning on page 3 of this Form 10-K.

We face price competition and other pressures that could result in premiums that are insufficient to cover the cost of the health care services delivered to our customers and inadequate medical claims reserves.

While health plans compete on the basis of many service and quality-related factors, we expect that price will continue to be a significant basis of competition. Our client and customer contracts are subject to negotiation as clients and customers seek to contain their costs, including by reducing benefits offered or elected. Alternatively, our clients and customers may purchase different types of products that are less profitable, or move to a competitor to obtain more favorable pricing. Each of these events would likely negatively impact our financial results.

Further, federal and state regulatory agencies may restrict our ability to implement changes in premium rates. For example, Health Care Reform includes an annual rate review requirement to prohibit unreasonable rate increases in the individual and small group health insurance markets and established minimum medical loss ratios for certain plans. Fiscal concerns regarding the continued viability of programs such as Medicare may cause decreasing reimbursement rates, delays in premium payments or insufficient increases in reimbursement rates for government-sponsored programs in which we participate. Any limitation on our ability to maintain or increase our premium or reimbursement levels, or a significant loss of membership resulting from our need to increase or maintain premium or reimbursement levels, could adversely affect our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, factors such as business consolidations, strategic alliances, legislation and marketing practices will likely continue to create pressure to contain or otherwise restrict premium price increases, despite increasing medical costs. For example, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act gives banks and other financial institutions the ability to be affiliated with insurance companies. This may lead to new competitors with significant financial resources. Our product margins and growth depend, in part, on our ability to compete effectively in our markets, set rates appropriately in highly competitive markets to keep or increase our market share, increase membership as planned, and avoid losing accounts with favorable medical cost experience while retaining or increasing membership in accounts with unfavorable medical cost experience.

Premiums in the health care business are generally set for one-year periods and are priced well in advance of the date on which the contract commences. Our revenue on Medicare policies is based on bids submitted mid-year in the year before the contract year. Although we base the premiums we charge and our Medicare bids on our estimate of future health care costs over the contract period, actual costs may exceed what we estimate and charge in premiums due to factors such as medical cost inflation, higher than expected utilization of medical services, new or costly drugs, treatments and technology, and membership mix. Our health care costs also are affected by external events that we cannot forecast or project and over which we have little or no control, such as influenza-related health care costs, epidemics, pandemics, terrorist attacks or other man-made disasters, natural disasters or other events that materially increase utilization of medical and/or other covered services, as well as changes in members' health care utilization patterns and provider billing practices. Our profitability depends, in part, on our ability to accurately predict, price for and effectively manage future health care costs through underwriting criteria, provider contracting, utilization management and product design.

We record medical claims reserves on our balance sheet for estimated future payments. While we continually review estimates of future payments relating to medical claims costs for services incurred in the current and prior periods and make adjustments to our reserves, the actual health care costs may exceed the reserves we have recorded.

Future performance of our business will depend on our ability to execute our strategic and operational initiatives effectively.

The future performance of our business will depend in large part on our ability to effectively implement and execute our strategic and operational initiatives including: (1) driving growth in targeted geographies, product lines, customer buying segments and distribution channels; (2) improving our strategic and financial flexibility; and (3) pursuing additional opportunities in high-growth markets. Successfully executing these initiatives depends on a number of factors, including our ability to:

- differentiate our products and services from those of our competitors;
- develop and introduce new products or programs, particularly in response to government regulation and the increased focus on consumer-directed products;
- grow our commercial product portfolio, including managing the uncertainties associated with mix and volume of business on public health insurance exchanges;
- identify and introduce the proper mix or integration of products that will be accepted by the marketplace;
- attract and retain sufficient numbers of qualified employees;
- attract, develop and maintain collaborative relationships with a sufficient number of qualified partners, including physicians and other health care providers in an environment of growing shortages of primary care professionals and consolidation within the provider industry;
- attract new and maintain existing customer relationships;

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- transition health care providers from volume-based fee for service arrangements to a value-based system;
- improve medical cost competitiveness in targeted markets;
- manage our medical and administrative costs effectively;
- manage our balance sheet exposures effectively, including our pension funding obligations; and
- reduce our Global Health Care operating expenses to achieve sustainable benefits.

If these initiatives fail or are not executed effectively, it could harm our consolidated financial position and results of operations. For example, efforts to reduce operating expenses while maintaining the necessary resources and talent pool are important and, if not managed effectively, could have long-term effects on our business by negatively impacting our ability to drive improvements in the quality of our products and/or services. For our strategic initiatives to succeed, we must effectively integrate our operations, including our acquired businesses, actively work to ensure consistency throughout the organization, and promote a global mind-set and a focus on individual customers. If we fail to do so, our business may be unable to grow as planned, or the result of expansion may be unsatisfactory. In addition, the current competitive, economic and regulatory environment requires our organization to adapt rapidly and nimbly to new opportunities and challenges. We will be unable to do so if we do not make important decisions quickly, define our appetite for risk specifically, implement new governance, managerial and organizational processes smoothly and communicate roles and responsibilities clearly.

We face risks related to litigation, regulatory audits and investigations.

We are routinely involved in numerous claims, lawsuits, regulatory audits, investigations and other legal matters arising in the ordinary course of business, including that of administering and insuring employee benefit programs. These could include benefit claims, breach of contract actions, tort claims, claims disputes under federal or state laws and disputes regarding reinsurance arrangements, employment and employment discrimination-related suits, antitrust claims, employee benefit claims, wage and hour claims, tax, privacy, intellectual property and whistle blower claims and real estate disputes. In addition, we have incurred and likely will continue to incur liability for practices and claims related to our health care business, such as marketing misconduct, failure to timely or appropriately pay for or provide health care, provider network structure, poor outcomes for care delivered or arranged, provider disputes including disputes over compensation or contractual provisions, and claims related to our administration of self-funded business. There are currently, and may be in the future, attempts to bring class action lawsuits against the industry or, absent a class action, individual plaintiffs may bring multiple claims regarding the same subject matter against us and other companies in our industry.

With respect to our global operations, contractual rights, laws and regulations may be subject to interpretation or uncertainty to a greater degree than in the U.S., and therefore subject us to disputes by customers, governmental authorities or others.

Court decisions and legislative activity may increase our exposure for any of these types of claims. In some cases, substantial non-economic or punitive damages may be sought. We seek to procure insurance coverage to cover some of these potential liabilities. However, certain potential liabilities may not be covered by insurance, insurers may dispute coverage or the amount of insurance may be insufficient to cover the entire damages awarded. In addition, certain types of damages, such as punitive damages, may not be covered by insurance, and insurance coverage for all or certain forms of liability may become unavailable or prohibitively expensive in the future. It is possible that the resolution of current or future legal matters and claims could result in losses material to our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity.

We are frequently the subject of regulatory market conduct and other reviews, audits and investigations by state insurance and health and welfare departments, attorneys general, CMS and the OIG and comparable authorities in foreign jurisdictions. With respect to our Medicare Advantage business, CMS and OIG perform audits to determine a health plan's compliance with federal regulations and contractual obligations, including compliance with proper coding practices and fraud and abuse enforcement practices through audits designed to detect and correct improper payments. There also continues to be heightened review by federal and state regulators of business and reporting practices within the health care and disability insurance industry and increased scrutiny by other state and federal governmental agencies (such as state attorneys general) empowered to bring criminal actions in circumstances that could have previously given rise only to civil or administrative proceedings. These regulatory audits or reviews or actions by other governmental agencies could result in changes to our business practices, retroactive adjustments to certain premiums, significant fines, penalties, civil liabilities, criminal liabilities or other sanctions, including restrictions on our ability to market certain products or engage in business-related activities, that could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operation, financial condition and liquidity.

In January 2016, CMS issued to the Company a Notice of Imposition of Immediate Intermediate Sanctions ("the Notice"). The Notice requires the Company to suspend certain enrollment and marketing activities for its Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug and Medicare Part D Plans. The Company is working to resolve these matters as quickly as possible. If, however, the Company is not able to address matters arising from the Notice in a timely and satisfactory manner, or if there are any changes in eligibility for government payments for our programs that are not resolved in a timely and satisfactory manner, the impact to our 2017 Medicare customer base and consolidated revenues, results of operations and cash flows could be material.

A description of material pending legal actions and other legal and regulatory matters is included in Note 23 to our Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-K. The outcome of litigation and other legal or regulatory matters is always uncertain, and outcomes that are not justified by the evidence or existing law can occur.

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There are various risks associated with participating in government-sponsored programs, such as Medicare, including dependence upon government funding, changes occurring as a result of Health Care Reform, compliance with government contracts and increased regulatory oversight.

Through our Government business, we contract with CMS and various state governmental agencies to provide managed health care services including Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare-approved prescription drug plans. Revenues from Medicare programs are dependent, in whole or in part, upon annual funding from the federal government through CMS and/or applicable state or local governments. Funding for these programs is dependent on many factors outside our control including general economic conditions, continuing government efforts to contain health care costs and budgetary constraints at the federal or applicable state or local level and general political issues and priorities. These entities generally have the right to not renew or cancel their contracts with us on short notice without cause or if funds are not available. Unanticipated changes in funding, such as the application of sequestration by the federal or state governments, could substantially reduce our revenues and profitability.

The Medicare program has been the subject of regulatory reform initiatives, including Health Care Reform. The premium rates paid to Medicare Advantage plans are established by contract, although the rates differ depending on a combination of factors, many of which are outside our control. Health Care Reform ties a portion of each Medicare Advantage plan's reimbursement to the plan's "star rating" by CMS, with those plans receiving a rating of three or more stars eligible for quality-based bonus payments. The star rating system considers various measures adopted by CMS, including, among other things, quality of care, preventative services, chronic illness management and customer satisfaction. Beginning in 2015, plans must have a star rating of four or higher to qualify for bonus payments. Our Medicare Advantage plans' operating results, premium revenue and benefit offerings are likely to continue to be significantly determined by their star ratings. If we do not maintain or continue to improve our star ratings, our plans may not be eligible for full-level quality bonuses. That outcome could adversely affect the benefits that our plans can offer as well as reduce our customer base and/or margins.

Contracts with CMS and the various state governmental agencies contain certain provisions regarding data submission, provider network maintenance, quality measures, claims payment, continuity of care, call center performance and other requirements. If we fail to comply with these requirements, we may be subject to fines or other penalties that could impact our profitability.

Health Care Reform required establishing health insurance exchanges for individuals and small employers. Insurers participating on the health insurance exchanges are required to offer a minimum level of benefits and comply with requirements with respect to premium rates and coverage limitations. Our participation in these exchanges involves uncertainties associated with mix and volume of business and could adversely affect our results of operations, financial position and cash flows. In addition, the risk corridor, reinsurance, and risk adjustment provisions of Health Care Reform, established to apportion risk for insurers, may not be effective in appropriately mitigating the financial risks related to our products. For example, there continues to be uncertainty around CMS' ability to pay risk corridor receivables. In October 2015, CMS announced it would pay approximately 13% of insurers' 2014 coverage year risk corridor receivables. The appropriations bill signed by President Obama in December 2015 again restricts the sources of funding HHS may use to make risk corridor payments.

In addition, any failure to comply with various state and federal health care laws and regulations, including those directed at preventing fraud and abuse in government funded programs, could result in investigations or litigation, such as actions under the federal False Claims Act and similar whistleblower statutes under state laws. This could subject us to fines, limits on expansion, restrictions or exclusions from programs or other agreements with federal or state governmental agencies that could adversely impact our business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, our Medicare Advantage and Medicare prescription drug businesses face a number of other risks including potential uncollectible receivables resulting from processing and/or verifying enrollment, inadequate underwriting assumptions, inability to receive and process correct information or increased medical or pharmaceutical costs. Actual results may be materially different than our assumptions and estimates regarding these complex and wide-ranging programs that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

If we fail to develop and maintain satisfactory relationships with physicians, hospitals and other health care providers, our business and results of operations may be adversely affected.

We directly and indirectly contract with physicians, hospitals and other health care professionals and facilities for the provision of health care services to our customers. Our results of operations are substantially dependent on our ability to contract for these services at competitive prices. In any particular market, physicians, hospitals and health care providers could refuse to contract, demand higher payments or take other actions that could result in higher medical costs or less desirable products for our customers. In some markets, certain providers, particularly hospitals, physician/hospital organizations and multi-specialty physician groups, may have significant or controlling market positions that could result in a diminished bargaining position for us. If providers refuse to contract with us, use their market position to negotiate favorable contracts or place us at a competitive disadvantage, our ability to market products or to be profitable in those areas could be materially and adversely affected.

Our ability to develop and maintain satisfactory relationships with health care providers also may be negatively impacted by other factors not associated with us, such as changes in Medicare and/or Medicaid reimbursement levels, increasing revenue and other pressures on health care providers and consolidation activity among hospitals, physician groups and health care providers. For example, ongoing

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reductions by CMS and state governments in amounts payable to providers, particularly hospitals, for services provided to Medicare and Medicaid enrollees may exacerbate the cost shift to private payors, thereby adversely impacting our ability to maintain or develop new cost-effective health care provider contracts or result in a loss of revenues or customers

Recent and continuing consolidation among physicians, hospitals and other health care providers, development of accountable care organizations and other changes in the organizational structures that physicians, hospitals and health care providers choose may change the way these providers interact with us and may change the competitive landscape in which we operate. In some instances, these organizations may compete directly with us, potentially affecting the way that we price our products or causing us to incur increased costs if we change our operations to be more competitive. Our focus on developing collaborative accountable care organizations and independent practice associations or similar business arrangements with physicians and other health care providers may not achieve intended benefits that could adversely affect our strategy or prospects.

Out-of-network providers are not limited in the amount they bill by any agreement with us. While benefit plans place limits on the amount of charges that will be considered for reimbursement, such limitations can be difficult to enforce. As a result, the outcome of disputes where we do not have a provider contract may cause us to pay higher medical or other benefit costs than we projected.

We are dependent on the success of our relationships with third parties for various services and functions, including, but not limited to, certain pharmacy benefit management services.

To improve operating costs, productivity and efficiencies, we contract with third parties for the provision of specific services, such as pharmacy benefit management services, information technology, medical management services, call center and claim services. Our operations may be adversely affected if these third parties fail to satisfy their obligations to us or if the arrangement is terminated in whole or in part or if there is a contractual dispute between us and these third parties. Even though contracts are intended to provide certain protections, we have limited control over the actions of third parties. For example, noncompliance with any privacy or security laws and regulations or any security breach involving one of our third-party vendors or a dispute between us and a third party vendor related to our arrangement could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, liquidity and reputation. In addition, with respect to services or functions outsourced to third parties in foreign jurisdictions, we also are exposed to risks inherent in conducting business outside of the United States.

Outsourcing also may require us to change our existing operations, adopt new processes for managing these service providers and/or redistribute responsibilities to realize the potential productivity and operational efficiencies. If there are delays or difficulties in changing business processes or our third party vendors do not perform as expected, we may not realize, or not realize on a timely basis, the anticipated economic and other benefits of these relationships. This could result in substantial costs or regulatory compliance issues, divert management's attention from other strategic activities, negatively affect employee morale or create other operational or financial problems for us. Terminating or transitioning in whole or in part arrangements with key vendors could result in additional costs or penalties, risks of operational delays or potential errors and control issues during the termination or transition phase. We may not be able to find an alternative vendor in a timely manner or on acceptable terms. If there is an interruption in business or loss of access to data resulting from a termination or transition in services, we may not be able to meet the demands of our customers and, in turn, our business and results of operations could be adversely impacted.

Acquisitions, joint ventures and other transactions involve risks and we may not realize the expected benefits because of integration difficulties, underperformance relative to our expectations and other challenges.

As part of our growth strategy, we regularly consider and enter into strategic transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, licensing arrangements and other relationships (collectively referred to as "transactions"), with the expectation that these transactions will result in various benefits. Our ability to achieve the anticipated benefits of these transactions is subject to numerous uncertainties and risks, including our ability to integrate operations, resources and systems in an efficient and effective manner. We could also face challenges in implementing business plans; changes in laws and regulations or conditions imposed by regulations applicable to the business; retaining key employees; and general competitive factors in the marketplace. These events could result in increased costs, decreases in expected revenues, earnings or cash flow, and goodwill or other intangible asset impairment charges. Further, we may finance transactions by issuing common stock for some or all of the purchase price that could dilute the ownership interests of our shareholders, or by incurring additional debt that could impact our ability to access capital in the future.

In addition, effective internal controls are necessary to provide reliable and accurate financial reports and to mitigate the risk of fraud. The integration of businesses is likely to cause increasing complexity in our systems and internal controls and make them more difficult to manage. Any difficulties in assimilating businesses into our control system could cause us to fail to meet our financial reporting obligations. Ineffective internal controls also could cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information that could negatively impact the trading price of our stock and our access to capital.

As a global company, we face political, legal, operational, regulatory, economic and other risks that present challenges and could negatively affect our multinational operations and/or our long-term growth.

As a global company, our business is increasingly exposed to risks inherent in foreign operations. These risks can vary substantially by market, and include political, legal, operational, regulatory, economic

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and other risks, including government intervention that we do not face in our U.S. operations. The global nature of our business and operations may present challenges including, but not limited to, those arising from:

- varying regional and geopolitical business conditions and demands;
- regulation that may discriminate against U.S. companies, favor nationalization or expropriate assets;
- price controls or other pricing issues and exchange controls or other restrictions that prevent us from transferring funds from these operations out of the countries in which we operate or converting local currencies that our foreign operations hold into U.S. dollars or other currencies;
- foreign currency exchange rates and fluctuations that may have an impact on the future costs or on future sales and cash flows from our international operations, and any measures that we may implement may not be effective in reducing the effect of volatile currencies and other risks of our international operations;
- our reliance on local sales forces for some operations in countries that may have labor problems and/or less flexible employee relationships that can be difficult and expensive to terminate, or where changes in local regulation or law may disrupt business operations;
- effectively managing our partner relationships in countries outside of the United States;
- managing more geographically diverse operations and projects;
- operating in new foreign markets that may require considerable management time before operations generate any significant revenues and earnings;
- the need to provide data protection on a global basis and sufficient levels of technical support in different locations;
- political instability or acts of war, terrorism, natural disasters or pandemics in locations where we operate; and
- general economic and political conditions.

These factors may increase in significance as we continue to expand globally, and any one of these challenges could negatively affect our operations or long-term growth. For example, due to the concentration of our international business in South Korea, the Global Supplemental Benefits segment is exposed to potential losses resulting from economic, regulatory and geopolitical developments in that country, as well as foreign currency movements affecting the South Korean currency, that could have a significant impact on the segment's results and our consolidated financial results.

International operations also require us to devote significant resources to implement controls and systems in new markets to comply, and to ensure that our vendors and partners comply, with U.S. and foreign laws prohibiting bribery, corruption and money laundering, in addition to other regulations regarding, among other things, our products, direct-to-consumer communications, customer privacy and data protection. Violations of these laws and regulations could result in fines, criminal sanctions against us, our officers or employees, restrictions or outright prohibitions on the conduct of our business, and significant reputational harm. We must regularly reassess the size, capability and location of our global infrastructure and make appropriate changes, and must have effective change management processes and internal controls in place to address changes in our business and operations. Our success depends, in part, on our ability to anticipate these risks and manage these difficulties. Our failure to comply with laws and regulations governing our conduct outside the United States or to establish constructive relations with non-U.S. regulators could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, liquidity and long-term growth.

Our business depends on our ability to effectively invest in, implement improvements to and properly maintain the uninterrupted operation and data integrity of our information technology and other business systems.

Our business is highly dependent on maintaining both effective information systems and the integrity and timeliness of the data we use to serve our customers and health care professionals and to operate our business. If our data were found to be inaccurate or unreliable due to fraud or other error, or if we or our third-party service providers were to fail to maintain information systems and data integrity effectively, we could experience operational disruptions that may impact our customers and health care professionals and hinder our ability to establish appropriate pricing for products and services, retain and attract customers, establish reserves and report financial results timely and accurately and maintain regulatory compliance, among other things.

Our information technology strategy and execution are critical to our continued success. Increasing regulatory and legislative mandated changes will place additional demands on our information technology infrastructure that could have a direct impact on available resources for projects more directly tied to strategic initiatives. In addition, recent trends toward greater consumer engagement in health care require new and enhanced technologies including more sophisticated applications for mobile devices. We must continue to invest in long-term solutions that will enable us to anticipate customer needs and expectations, enhance the customer experience, act as a differentiator in the market and protect against cybersecurity risks and threats. Our success is dependent, in large part, on maintaining the effectiveness of existing technology systems and continuing to deliver and enhance technology systems that support our business processes in a cost-efficient and resource-efficient manner. We must also develop new systems to meet current market standards and keep pace with continuing changes in information processing technology, evolving industry and regulatory standards and customer needs. Failure to do so may impede our ability to deliver services at a competitive cost. Further, because system development projects are long-term in nature, they may be more costly than expected to complete and may not deliver the expected benefits upon completion.

In addition, our business is highly dependent upon our ability to perform in an efficient and uninterrupted fashion, necessary business functions, such as claims processing and payment, internet support and customer call centers, and processing new and renewal business.

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Unavailability, cyber-attack or other failure of one or more of our information technology or other systems could cause slower response times, resulting in claims not being processed as quickly as clients or customers desire, decreased levels of client or customer service and satisfaction, and harm to our reputation. Because our information technology and other systems interface with and depend on third-party systems, we could experience service denials if demand for such service exceeds capacity or a third-party system fails or experiences an interruption. If sustained or repeated, such business interruptions, systems failures or service denials could have material adverse effects on our business, results of operations, financial condition and liquidity.

As a large health services company, we are subject to cyber-attacks. If we are unable to prevent or contain the effects of any such attacks, we may suffer exposure to substantial liability, reputational harm, loss of revenue or other damages.

Our business depends on our clients' and customers' willingness to entrust us with their health-related and other sensitive personal information. Computer systems may be vulnerable to physical break-ins, computer viruses or malware, programming errors, attacks by third parties or similar disruptive problems. We have been, and will likely continue to be, the target of computer viruses or other malicious codes, unauthorized access, cyber-attacks or other computer-related penetrations. As we increase the amount of personal information that we store and share digitally, our exposure to data security and related cybersecurity risks increases including the risk of undetected attacks, damage, loss or unauthorized access or misappropriation of proprietary or personal information, and the cost of attempting to protect against these risks also increases. We have implemented security technologies, processes and procedures to protect consumer identity; however, there are no assurances that such measures will be effective against all types of breaches. The techniques used change frequently or are often not recognized until launched, because cyber-attacks can originate from a wide variety of sources including third parties such as external service providers. Those parties may also attempt to fraudulently induce employees, customers or other users of our systems to disclose sensitive information in order to gain access to our data or that of our customers. In addition, while we have certain standards for all vendors that provide us services, our vendors, and in turn, their own service providers, may become subject to a security breach as a result of their failure to perform in accordance with contractual arrangements.

The costs to eliminate or address security threats and vulnerabilities before or after a cyber-incident could be significant. Our remediation efforts may not be successful and could result in interruptions, delays, or cessation of service and loss of existing or potential customers.

In addition, breaches of our security measures and the unauthorized dissemination of sensitive personal information or proprietary information or confidential information about us, our customers or other third-parties could expose our customers' private information and our customers to the risk of financial or medical identity theft. Unauthorized dissemination of confidential and proprietary information about our business and strategy also could negatively affect the achievement of our strategic initiatives. The occurrence of such events would also negatively affect our ability to compete, others' trust in us, our reputation, membership and revenues and expose us to mandatory disclosure to the media, litigation and other enforcement proceedings, material fines, penalties and/or remediation costs, and compensatory, special, punitive and statutory damages, consent orders and other adverse actions, any of which could adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition or liquidity.

If we fail to comply with applicable privacy, security, and data laws, regulations and standards, our business and reputation could be materially and adversely affected.

The collection, maintenance, protection, use, transmission, disclosure and disposal of sensitive personal information are regulated at the federal, state, international and industry levels and requirements are imposed on us by contracts with clients. In some cases, such laws, rules, regulations and contractual requirements also apply to our vendors and require us to obtain written assurances of their compliance with such requirements or may hold us liable for any violations by our vendors. International laws, rules and regulations governing the use and disclosure of such information are generally more stringent than in the United States, and they vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. We also are subject to various other consumer protection laws that regulate our communications with customers.

These laws, rules, and contractual requirements are subject to change. Compliance with new privacy, security and data laws, regulations and requirements may result in increased operating costs, and may constrain or require us to alter our business model or operations. For example, the HITECH amendments to HIPAA may further restrict our ability to collect, disclose and use sensitive personal information and may impose additional compliance requirements on our business. While we completed the transition to ICD-10, if unforeseen circumstances arise, it is possible that we could be exposed to investigations and allegations of noncompliance which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial position and cash flows. In addition, if some providers continue to use ICD-9 codes on claims, we have to reject such claims, leading to claim resubmissions, increased call volume and provider and customer dissatisfaction. Further, providers may use ICD-10 codes differently than they used ICD-9 codes in the past, potentially resulting in lost revenues under risk adjustment. If we did not adequately implement the new ICD-10 coding set, or if providers in our network did not adequately transition to the new ICD-10 coding set, our results of operations, financial position and cash flows may be materially adversely affected.

Effective prevention, detection and control systems are critical to maintain regulatory compliance and prevent fraud and failure of these systems could adversely affect us.

Federal and state governments have made investigating and prosecuting health care and other insurance fraud and abuse a priority. Fraud and abuse prohibitions encompass a wide range of activities.

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including kickbacks for referral of members, billing for unnecessary medical services, improper marketing, and violations of patient privacy rights. The regulations and contractual requirements applicable to us are complex and subject to change. In addition, ongoing vigorous law enforcement, a highly technical regulatory scheme and the Dodd-Frank Act legislation and related regulations being adopted to enhance regulators' enforcement powers and whistleblower incentives and protections mean that our compliance efforts in this area will continue to require significant resources. Failure of our prevention, detection or control systems related to regulatory compliance or the failure of employees to comply with our internal policies including data systems security or unethical conduct by managers and employees, could adversely affect our reputation and also expose us to litigation and other proceedings, fines and penalties.

In addition, provider or customer fraud that is not prevented or detected could impact our medical costs or those of our self-insured customers. Further, during an economic downturn, we may experience increased fraudulent claims volume that may lead to additional costs due to an increase in disputed claims and litigation.

Our pharmacy benefit management business and related operations are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that are in addition to those we face in our health care business.

Notwithstanding our pharmacy benefits management services arrangement with a third-party vendor, we remain responsible to regulators and our clients and customers for the delivery of those pharmacy benefit management services that we contract to provide. This business is subject to federal and state regulation, including federal and state anti-remuneration laws, ERISA, HIPAA and laws related to the operation of Internet and mail-service pharmacies. In addition, certain of our subsidiaries are pharmacies subject to state licensing and U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency registration requirements and laws concerning labeling, packaging, advertising and adulteration of prescription drugs and dispensing of controlled substances. Noncompliance with such regulations by us or our third-party vendor(s) could have material adverse effects on our business, results of operations, financial condition, liquidity and reputation.

Our pharmacy benefit management business also would be adversely affected by an inability to contract on favorable terms with pharmaceutical manufacturers and we could suffer liability exposure and reputational harm in connection with purported errors by mail order or retail pharmacy businesses.

In operating onsite clinics and other types of medical facilities, we may be subject to additional liability that could result in significant time and expense.

In addition to contracting with physicians and other health care providers for services, we employ physicians and other health care professionals at onsite low acuity and primary care clinics that we operate for our customers, as well as certain clinics for our employees. In addition, our Government business operates LivingWell health centers and we own and operate multispecialty health care centers, low acuity clinics and other types of centers in the Phoenix, Arizona metropolitan area that employ physicians and other health care professionals. As a direct employer of health care professionals and as an owner or operator of medical facilities, we are subject to liability for negligent acts, omissions, or injuries occurring at one of these clinics or caused by one of our employees. Even if any claims brought against us are unsuccessful or without merit, we still have to defend against such claims. The defense of any actions may result in significant expenses that could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition, liquidity and reputation.

Significant stock market or interest rate declines could result in additional unfunded pension obligations resulting in the need for additional plan funding by us and increased pension expenses.

We currently have unfunded obligations in our frozen pension plans. A significant decline in the value of the plans' equity and fixed income investments or unfavorable changes in applicable laws or regulations could materially increase our expenses and change the timing and amount of required plan funding. This could reduce the cash available to us, including our subsidiaries. We also are exposed to interest rate and equity risk associated with our pension and other post-retirement obligations. Sustained declines in interest rates could have an adverse impact on the funded status of our pension plans and our reinvestment yield on new investments. See Note 9 to our Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on our obligations under the pension plan.

Significant changes in market interest rates affect the value of our financial instruments that promise a fixed return or benefit and the value of particular assets and liabilities.

As an insurer, we have substantial investment assets that support insurance and contractholder deposit liabilities. Generally low levels of interest rates on investments, such as those experienced in U.S. and foreign financial markets during recent years, have negatively impacted our level of investment income earned in recent periods.

Substantially all of our investment assets are in fixed interest-yielding debt securities of varying maturities, fixed redeemable preferred securities and commercial mortgage loans. The value of these investment assets can fluctuate significantly with changes in market conditions. A rise in interest rates would likely reduce the value of our investment portfolio and increase interest expense if we were to access our available lines of credit.

A downgrade in the financial strength ratings of our insurance subsidiaries could adversely affect new sales and retention of current business, and a downgrade in our debt ratings would increase the cost of borrowed funds and negatively affect our ability to access capital.

Financial strength, claims paying ability and debt ratings by recognized rating organizations are each important factors in establishing the competitive position of insurance and health benefits.

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companies. Ratings information by nationally recognized ratings agencies is broadly disseminated and generally used throughout the industry. We believe that the claims paying ability and financial strength ratings of our principal insurance subsidiaries are important factors in marketing our products to certain customers. Our debt ratings impact both the cost and availability of future borrowings, and accordingly, our cost of capital. Each of the rating agencies reviews ratings periodically and there can be no assurance that current ratings will be maintained in the future. A downgrade of these ratings in the future could make it more difficult to either market our products successfully or raise capital to support business growth within our insurance subsidiaries.

Global market, economic and geopolitical conditions may cause fluctuations in equity market prices, interest rates and credit spreads that could impact our ability to raise or deploy capital and affect our overall liquidity.

If the equity and credit markets experience extreme volatility and disruption, there could be downward pressure on stock prices and credit capacity for certain issuers without regard to those issuers' underlying financial strength. Extreme disruption in the credit markets could adversely impact our availability and cost of credit in the future. In addition, unpredictable or unstable market conditions or continued pressure in the global or U.S. economy could result in reduced opportunities to find suitable opportunities to raise capital.

As of December 31, 2015, our outstanding long-term debt totaled \$5.0 billion. In the event of adverse economic and industry conditions, we may be required to dedicate a greater percentage of our cash flow from operations to the payment of principal and interest on our debt, thereby reducing the funds we have available for other purposes, such as investments in ongoing businesses, acquisitions, dividends and stock repurchases. In these circumstances, our ability to execute our strategy may be limited, our flexibility in planning for or reacting to changes in business and market conditions may be reduced, or our access to capital markets may be limited such that additional capital may not be available or may be available only on unfavorable terms.

Unfavorable developments in economic conditions may adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Global economic conditions continue to be challenging. Many factors, including geopolitical issues, confidence in any economic recoveries and any future economic downturns, availability and cost of credit and other capital and consumer spending can negatively impact expectations for the U.S. and global economies. Our results of operations could be materially and adversely affected by the impact of unfavorable economic conditions on our customers (both employers and individuals), health care providers and third-party vendors. For example:

- Employers may take action to reduce their operating costs by modifying, delaying or canceling plans to purchase our products or making changes in the mix of products purchased that are unfavorable to us.
- Higher unemployment rates and workforce reductions could result in lower enrollment in our employer-based plans (including an increase in the number of employees who opt out of employer-based plans) or our individual plans.
- Because of unfavorable economic conditions or Health Care Reform, employers may stop offering health care coverage to employees or elect to offer this coverage on a voluntary, employee-funded basis as a means to reduce their operating costs.
- Our historical disability claim experience and industry data indicate that submitted disability claims rise under adverse economic conditions.
- If customers are not successful in generating sufficient profits or are precluded from securing financing, they may not be able to pay, or may delay payment of, accounts receivable that are owed to us.
- Our customers or potential customers may force us to compete more vigorously on factors such as price and service to retain or obtain their business.
- A prolonged unfavorable economic environment could adversely impact the financial position of hospitals and other health care providers, potentially increasing our medical costs as these providers attempt to maintain revenue levels in their efforts to adjust to their own economic challenges.
- Our third-party vendors could significantly and quickly increase their prices or reduce their output to reduce their operating costs. Our business depends on our ability to perform necessary business functions in an efficient and uninterrupted fashion.

These factors could lead to a decrease in our customer base, revenues or margins and/or an increase in our operating costs.

In addition, during a prolonged unfavorable economic environment, state and federal budgets could be materially and adversely affected, resulting in reduced reimbursements or payments in state and federal government programs such as Medicare and Social Security. These state and federal budgetary pressures also could cause the government to impose new or a higher level of taxes or assessments on us, such as premium taxes on insurance companies and HMOs and surcharges or fees on select fee-for-service and capitated medical claims. Although we could attempt to mitigate or cover our exposure from such increased costs through, among other things, increases in premiums, there can be no assurance that we will be able to mitigate or cover all of such costs, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and liquidity.

We are subject to the credit risk of our reinsurers.

We enter into reinsurance arrangements with other insurance companies, primarily to limit losses from large exposures or to permit recovery of a portion of direct losses. We also may enter into reinsurance arrangements in connection with acquisition or divestiture transactions when the underwriting company is not being acquired or sold.

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Under all reinsurance arrangements, reinsurers assume insured losses, subject to certain limitations or exceptions that may include a loss limit. These arrangements also subject us to various obligations, representations and warranties with the reinsurers. Reinsurance does not relieve us of liability as the originating insurer. We remain liable to the underlying policyholders if a reinsurer defaults on obligations under the reinsurance arrangement. Although we regularly evaluate the financial condition of reinsurers to minimize exposure to significant losses from reinsurer insolvencies, reinsurers may become financially unsound. If a reinsurer fails to meet its obligations under the reinsurance contract or if the liabilities exceed any applicable loss limit, we will be forced to cover the claims on the reinsured policies.

The collectability of amounts due from reinsurers is subject to uncertainty arising from a number of factors, including whether the insured losses meet the qualifying conditions of the reinsurance contract, whether reinsurers or their affiliates have the financial capacity and willingness to make payments under the terms of the reinsurance contract, and the magnitude and type of collateral supporting our reinsurance recoverable, such as by holding sufficient qualifying assets in trusts or letters of credit issued. Although a portion of our reinsurance exposures are secured, the inability to collect a material recovery from a reinsurer could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity.

We may not complete the proposed transaction with Anthem within the time frame we anticipate or at all, potentially negatively affecting our business, financial results and operations.

On July 23, 2015, we entered into an agreement under which Anthem will acquire all of the outstanding shares of our common stock. The transaction is subject to a number of closing conditions, such as antitrust and other regulatory approvals that may not be received or may take longer than expected. The transaction is also subject to other risks and uncertainties, including that either we or Anthem could exercise our respective termination rights. If the transaction is not consummated within the expected time frame, or at all, we and our shareholders would not realize the expected benefits of the merger.

The announcement and pendency of the proposed merger transaction with Anthem, Inc. could have an adverse effect on our business.

The announcement and pendency of the proposed merger transaction with Anthem could cause disruptions and create uncertainty surrounding our business, which could affect our relationships with our clients, customers, providers, vendors and/or employees, regardless of whether the proposed transaction is completed. We could also potentially lose key employees, clients and/or vendors, or our provider arrangements could be disrupted. In addition, we have diverted, and will continue to divert, management resources towards the completion of the proposed transaction that may divert management's attention and our resources from ongoing business and operations.

We are also subject to restrictions on the conduct of our business prior to the consummation of the transaction as provided in the merger agreement, including, among other things, certain restrictions on our ability to acquire other businesses, sell, transfer or license our assets, make capital expenditures, amend our organizational documents and incur indebtedness. These restrictions could result in our inability to respond effectively to competitive pressures, industry developments and future opportunities.

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None

ITEM 2. Properties

Our global real estate portfolio consists of approximately 7.8 million square feet of owned and leased properties. Our domestic portfolio has approximately 5.9 million square feet in 40 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Our International properties contain approximately 1.9 million square feet located throughout the following countries: Bahrain, Belgium, Canada, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom.

Our principal, domestic office locations, including various support operations, along with Group Disability and Life Insurance, Health Services, Core Medical and Service Operations and the domestic office of our Global Supplemental Benefits business are the Wilde Building located at 900 Cottage Grove Road in Bloomfield, Connecticut (our corporate headquarters) and Two Liberty Place located at 1601 Chestnut Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Wilde Building measures approximately 893,000 square feet and is owned, while Two Liberty Place measures approximately 322,000 square feet and is leased office space.

We believe our properties are adequate and suitable for our business as presently conducted. The foregoing does not include information on investment properties.

ITEM 3. Legal Proceedings

The information contained under "Litigation Matters," "Regulatory Matters" and "Other Legal Matters" in Note 23 to our Financial Statements beginning on page 113 of this Form 10-K, is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable

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All officers are elected to serve for a one-year term or until their successors are elected. Principal occupations and employment during the past five years are listed below

LISA R. BACUS, 51, Executive Vice President and Global Chief Marketing Officer of Cigna beginning May 2013; Executive Vice President and Chief Marketer at American Family Insurance from February 2008 until May 2013

MARK L. BOXER, 56, Executive Vice President and Global Chief Information Officer of Cigna beginning April 2011; Deputy Chief Information Officer, Xerox Corporation; and Group President, Government Health Care, for Xerox Corporation/Affiliated Computer Services from March 2009 until April 2011

DAVID M. CORDANI, 50, Chief Executive Officer of Cigna beginning December 2009, Director since October 2009, President beginning June 2008; and Chief Operating Officer from June 2008 until December 2009

HERBERT A. FRITCH, 65, President, Cigna HealthSpring beginning January 2012; and Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of HealthSpring and its predecessor, NewQuest, LLC, from commencement of operations in September 2000 until HealthSpring was acquired by Cigna in January 2012.

NICOLE S. JONES, 45, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Cigna beginning June 2011; Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Lincoln Financial Group from May 2010 until June 2011; Vice President and Deputy General Counsel of Cigna from April 2008 until May 2010; and Corporate Secretary of Cigna from September 2006 until April 2010

THOMAS A. MCCARTHY, 59, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Cigna beginning July 2013; Vice President of Finance with responsibility for treasury, tax, strategy and corporate development, and management of run-off reinsurance from February 2003 until July 2013; Acting Chief Financial Officer from September 2010 until June 2011, and Treasurer from July 2008 until June 2011

MATTHEW G. MANDERS, 54, President, U.S. Commercial Markets and Global Health Care Operations beginning June 2014; President, Regional and Operations from November 2011 until June 2014; President, U.S. Service, Clinical and Specialty from January 2010 until November 2011; and President of Cigna HealthCare, Total Health, Productivity, Network & Middle Market from June 2009 until January 2010

JOHN M. MURABITO, 57, Executive Vice President, Human Resources and Services of Cigna beginning August 2003

JASON D. SADLER, 47, President, International Markets beginning June 2014; President, Global Individual Health, Life and Accident from July 2010 until June 2014, and Managing Director Insurance Business Hong Kong, HSBC Insurance Asia Limited from January 2007 until July 2010

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The information under the caption "Quarterly Financial Data – Stock and Dividend Data" appears on page 115 of this Form 10-K. As of December 31, 2015, the number of shareholders of record was 6,389. Cigna's common stock is listed with, and trades on, the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CI".

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

The following table provides information about Cigna's share repurchase activity for the quarter ended December 31, 2015:

Period	Total # of shares purchased ⁽¹⁾	Average price paid per share	Total # of shares purchased as part of publicly announced program ⁽²⁾	Approximate dollar value of share that may yet be purchased as part of publicly announced program ⁽³⁾
October 1-31, 2015	1,050	\$135.31	-	\$664,765,231
November 1-30, 2015	4,723	\$131.93	-	\$664,765,231
December 1-31, 2015	1,154,152	\$142.94	1,153,013	\$499,953,131
Total	1,159,925	\$142.89	1,153,013	N/A

(1) Includes shares tendered by employees as payment of taxes withheld on vesting of restricted stock and strategic performance shares granted under the Company's equity compensation plans. Employees tendered 1,050 shares in October, 4,723 in November and 1,159 shares in December 31, 2015.

(2) Cigna has had a repurchase program for many years, and has had varying levels of repurchase authority and activity under this program. The program has no expiration date. Cigna suspends activity under this program from time to time and also removes such suspensions, generally without public announcement. In 2015, the Company repurchased 5.5 million shares for \$483 million. Remaining authorization under the program was approximately \$300 million as of December 31, 2015. From January 1, 2016 through February 23, 2016, the Company repurchased 0.8 million shares for \$118 million. Remaining authorization under the program was \$190 million as of February 23, 2016.

(3) Approximate dollar value of shares is as of the last date of the applicable month.

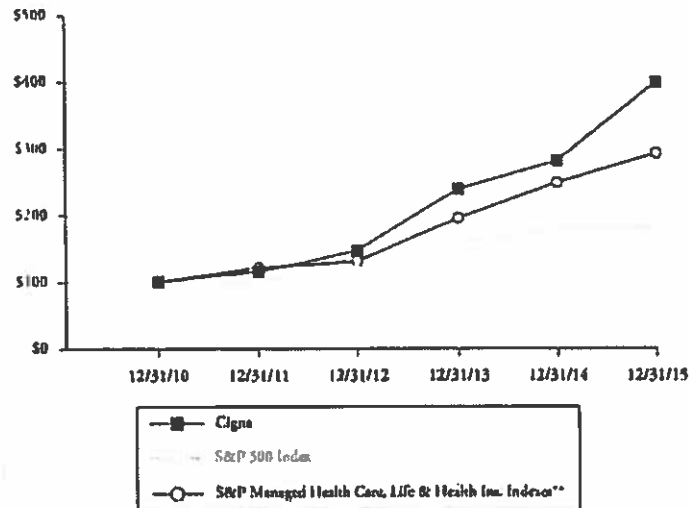
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Five Year Cumulative Total Shareholder Return*
December 31, 2010 – December 31, 2015



	12/31/10	12/31/11	12/31/12	12/31/13	12/31/14	12/31/15
Cigna	\$ 100	\$ 115	\$ 146	\$ 239	\$ 282	\$ 400
S&P 500 Index	\$ 100	\$ 102	\$ 118	\$ 157	\$ 178	\$ 181
S&P Managed Health Care, Life & Health Ins. Indexes**	\$ 100	\$ 121	\$ 130	\$ 195	\$ 249	\$ 293

* Assumes that the value of the investment in Cigna common stock and each index was \$100 on December 31, 2010 and that all dividends were reinvested.

** Weighted average of S&P Managed Health Care (73%) and Life and Health Insurance (23%) Indexes

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ITEM 6. Selected Financial Data

The selected financial data should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying notes included elsewhere herein.

Highlights

<i>(Dollars in millions, except per share amounts)</i>	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 37,876	\$ 34,914	\$ 32,380	\$ 29,119	\$ 21,865
Shareholders' net income	\$ 2,094	\$ 2,102	\$ 1,476	\$ 1,623	\$ 1,260
NET INCOME	\$ 2,077	\$ 2,094	\$ 1,478	\$ 1,624	\$ 1,261
Shareholders' net income per share:					
Basic	\$ 8.17	\$ 7.97	\$ 5.28	\$ 5.70	\$ 4.65
Diluted	\$ 8.04	\$ 7.83	\$ 5.18	\$ 5.61	\$ 4.59
Common dividends declared per share	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04
Cash and investments	\$ 26,681	\$ 25,762	\$ 25,160	\$ 26,638	\$ 27,180
Total assets ⁽¹⁾	\$ 57,088	\$ 55,870	\$ 54,306	\$ 53,700	\$ 50,659
Long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	\$ 5,020	\$ 4,979	\$ 4,984	\$ 4,952	\$ 4,952
Total liabilities ⁽¹⁾	\$ 44,975	\$ 44,991	\$ 43,629	\$ 43,817	\$ 42,665
Shareholders' equity	\$ 12,035	\$ 10,774	\$ 10,567	\$ 9,769	\$ 7,994
Employees	39,300	37,300	36,500	35,800	31,400

(1) As explained in Note 2(B) to the Consolidated Financial Statements, in the fourth quarter of 2013, we retrospectively adopted Accounting Standards Update 2013-03 "Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs," that requires debt issuance costs to be netted against long-term debt. Amounts presented above for the years 2011 through 2014 for total assets, long-term debt, and total liabilities have been retrospectively adjusted to conform to the new guidance. The impact was not material.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") is intended to provide information to assist you in better understanding and evaluating our financial condition and results of operations. We encourage you to read this MD&A in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and the "Risk Factors" contained in Part I, Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K ("Form 10-K").

Unless otherwise indicated, financial information in the MD&A is presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding the Company's significant accounting policies. In some of our financial tables in this MD&A, we present either percentage changes or "N/M" when those changes are so large as to become not meaningful, and changes in percentages are expressed in basis points ("bps").

In this MD&A, our consolidated measures "operating revenues" and "adjusted income from operations" are not determined in accordance with GAAP and should not be viewed as substitutes for the most directly comparable GAAP measures "total revenues" and "shareholders' net income."

We define operating revenues as total revenues excluding realized investment results. We exclude realized investment results from this measure because our portfolio managers may sell investments based on factors largely unrelated to the underlying business purposes of each segment. As a result, gains or losses created in this process may not be indicative of past or future underlying performance of the business.

We use adjusted income (loss) from operations as our principal financial measure of operating performance because management believes it best reflects the underlying results of our business operations and permits analysis of trends in underlying revenue, expenses and profitability. Beginning on January 1, 2015, we define adjusted income from operations as shareholders' net income (loss) excluding after-tax realized investment gains and losses, net amortization of other acquired intangible assets and special items. Prior period segment information has been restated to reflect these new performance metrics. Income or expense amounts are excluded from adjusted income from operations for the following reasons:

- Realized investment results are excluded because, as noted above, our portfolio managers may sell investments based on factors largely unrelated to the underlying business purposes of each segment.
- Net amortization of other intangible assets is excluded because it relates to costs incurred for acquisitions and, as a result, it does not relate to the core performance of the Company's business operations. The amortization amount is net of one-time benefits of acquisitions in which the fair value of net assets acquired exceeds the purchase price.
- Special items, if any, are excluded because management believes they are not representative of the underlying results of operations. See Note 22 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for descriptions of special items.

In 2013, adjusted income from operations also excluded the results of the guaranteed minimum income benefit ("GMIB") business prior to the reinsurance transaction with Berkshire Hathaway Life Insurance Company of Nebraska ("Berkshire").

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ITEM 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Overview

Cigna Corporation, together with its subsidiaries (either individually or collectively referred to as "Cigna," the "Company," "we," "our" or "us") is a global health services organization dedicated to a mission of helping individuals improve their health, well-being and sense of security. To execute on our mission, Cigna's strategy is to "Go Deep", "Go Global" and "Go Individual" with a differentiated set of medical, dental, disability, life and accident insurance and related products and services offered by our subsidiaries. In addition to these ongoing operations, we also have certain run-off operations.

For further information on our business and strategy, please see Item 1, "Business" in this Form 10-K.

Executive Overview

This section includes a discussion of our consolidated financial results over the past three years as well as key trends and transactions impacting our business.

Financial Summary

Summarized below are certain key measures of our performance for the years ended December 31.

	For the Years Ended			Increase/(Decrease)		Increase/(Decrease)	
	December 31,			2015 vs. 2014		2014 vs. 2013	
(Dollars in millions, except per share amounts)	2015	2014	2013				
Operating revenues⁽¹⁾							
Global Health Care	\$ 29,929	\$ 27,290	\$ 25,296	\$ 2,639	10%	\$ 1,994	8%
Global Supplemental Benefits	3,149	3,005	2,639	144	5	366	14
Group Disability and Life	4,271	3,970	3,747	301	8	223	6
Other Operations	485	510	489	(25)	(5)	21	4
Corporate	(15)	(15)	(4)	—	—	(11)	(275)
Total operating revenues	37,819	34,760	32,167	3,059	9	2,593	8
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 37,876	\$ 34,914	\$ 32,380	\$ 2,962	8%	\$ 2,534	8%
Adjusted Income (Loss) From Operations⁽¹⁾							
Global Health Care	\$ 1,848	\$ 1,752	\$ 1,699	\$ 96	5%	\$ 53	3%
Global Supplemental Benefits	262	243	200	19	8	43	22
Group Disability and Life	324	317	311	7	2	6	2
Other Operations	75	68	88	7	10	(20)	(23)
Corporate	(253)	(265)	(222)	12	5	(43)	(19)
TOTAL ADJUSTED INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 2,256	\$ 2,115	\$ 2,076	\$ 141	7%	\$ 39	2%
SHAREHOLDERS' NET INCOME⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,094	\$ 2,102	\$ 1,476	\$ (8)	—%	\$ 626	42%
Earnings per share (diluted)							
Adjusted income from operations ⁽¹⁾	\$ 8.66	\$ 7.87	\$ 7.29	\$ 0.79	10%	\$ 0.58	8%
Shareholders' net income ⁽¹⁾	\$ 8.04	\$ 7.83	\$ 5.18	\$ 0.21	3%	\$ 2.65	51%
Global medical customers (in thousands)							
(2)	14,999	14,456	14,078	543	4%	378	3%

(1) See Consolidated Results of Operations on page 39 for reconciliations of Operating revenues to Total revenues and Adjusted income from operations to Shareholders' net income on a dollar and per share basis.

(2) 2013 excludes limited benefit customers.

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Operating revenues increased in both 2015 and 2014 in each of our ongoing reporting segments (Global Health Care, Global Supplemental Benefits, and Group Disability and Life). These increases are primarily attributable to customer growth in our targeted market segments, rate actions in our commercial health care businesses to recover medical cost trend as well as amounts assessed under Health Care Reform (as defined on page 2 in this Form 10-K), and growth in our specialty businesses within our Global Health Care segment.

Total revenues. The increases in operating revenues in both 2015 and 2014 were partially offset by decreases in realized investment results. See additional discussion in our Consolidated financial results beginning on page 39 of this MD&A.

Shareholders' net income was flat in 2015 compared with 2014 primarily due to higher adjusted income from operations as discussed below offset by lower realized investment gains and the impact of the 2015 special item charges described in our Consolidated financial results on page 40 of this MD&A. Shareholders' net income per share in 2015 and 2014 benefited from the favorable effect of share repurchase.

For 2014, the significant increase in shareholders' net income compared with 2013 is largely due to the absence of the \$507 million after-tax charge associated with the reinsurance agreement with Berkshire recorded in 2013. See Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

Adjusted income from operations increased in both 2015 and 2014 reflecting higher earnings in each of our ongoing reporting segments. These favorable effects were driven by continued customer growth in our targeted market segments and improved contributions from our specialty health care businesses. Adjusted income from operations per share in 2015 and 2014 benefited from share repurchase.

Global medical customers. Our medical customer base increased in 2015, primarily driven by growth in our targeted market segments and the acquisition of QualCare Alliance Networks, Inc. Excluding customers from our limited benefits business that we were required to exit in 2014, our medical customer base increased in 2014 compared with 2013, primarily due to growth in our targeted market segments.

Further discussion of detailed components of revenues and expenses can be found in the "Consolidated Results of Operations" section of this MD&A beginning on page 39. For further analysis and explanation of individual segment results, see the "Segment Reporting" section of this MD&A beginning on page 48.

Key Transactions and Other Significant Items

Proposed Merger with Anthem, Inc. ("Anthem")

On July 23, 2015, we entered into a definitive agreement to merge with Anthem, subject to certain terms, conditions and customary operating covenants, with Anthem continuing as the surviving company. Upon closing, our shareholders will receive \$103.40 in cash and 0.5152 of a share of Anthem common stock for each common share of the Company. The closing price of Anthem common stock on February 24, 2016 was \$130.75. At special shareholders' meetings held in December 2015, Cigna shareholders approved the merger with Anthem and Anthem shareholders voted to approve the issuance of shares of Anthem common stock according to the merger agreement. Consummation of the merger remains subject to certain customary conditions, including the receipt of certain necessary governmental and regulatory approvals and the absence of a legal restraint prohibiting the consummation of the merger. See Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details. In addition, see Item 1A. – Risk Factors in this Form 10-K for risks to our business due to the proposed merger.

Management expects this transaction to close in the second half of 2016.

Other Significant Items Reported in Prior Years:

- **Run-off reinsurance transaction:** See Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.
- **Disability claims regulatory matter:** See Note 23 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.
- **Organizational efficiency plan:** See Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

Health Care Industry Developments

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act ("Health Care Reform") and the implementing regulations have resulted in broad changes that are meaningfully impacting the industry, including relationships with customers and health care providers, the design of products and services, and pricing and delivery systems. In 2014, there were changes resulting from the implementation of Health Care Reform regulations including public exchanges, a non-deductible industry tax in addition to fees and assessments, and minimum medical loss ratio requirements for Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D plans. In both 2014 and 2015, there were ongoing payment reductions for Medicare Advantage plans by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS"). Collectively, these changes have had a significant impact on our business and customers, requiring adjustments to our business model to mitigate their effects on our results of operations and cash flows.

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The "Regulation" section of this Form 10-K provides a detailed description of Health Care Reform provisions and other legislative initiatives that impact our domestic health care business, including regulations issued by CMS and the Departments of the Treasury and Health and Human Services ("HHS"). The discussion below provides a summary of the financial impacts of key provisions of Health Care Reform and certain other regulatory matters in 2015 and beyond.

Item	Description
Medicare Advantage ("MA")	<p>CMS actions: In January 2016, CMS issued to the Company a Notice of Imposition of Immediate Intermediate Sanctions ("the Notice"). The Notice requires the Company to suspend certain enrollment and marketing activities for Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug and Medicare Part D Plans. The sanctions do not impact the ability of current enrollees to remain covered by the Company's Medicare Advantage-Prescription Drug or Medicare Part D Plans. See Note 23 to the Consolidated Financial Statement for additional information.</p> <p>Based on management's current expectations, we do not expect any impact to the Company's consolidated results of operations, financial condition or cash flows to be material.</p> <p>If the CMS sanctions remain in effect beyond management's current expectations, we do not expect a material impact on 2016 consolidated results of operations, financial condition or cash flows. If, however, the Company is not able to address matters arising from the Notice in a timely and satisfactory manner, or if there are changes in eligibility for government payments for our programs that are not resolved in a timely and satisfactory manner, the impact to our 2017 Medicare customer base and consolidated revenues, results of operations and cash flows could be material.</p> <p>2016 MA Rates: Final MA reimbursement rates for 2016, published by CMS in April 2015, have decreased funding for MA participants with the highest clinical needs, including those with multiple chronic conditions. We reflected these 2016 rates in our bids to CMS submitted during the second quarter of 2015 and currently expect that the 2016 final MA reimbursement rates will decrease funding for our Medicare Advantage business by approximately 2% in 2016 compared to 2015. We do not expect the 2016 MA rates to have a material impact on our consolidated results of operations or cash flows in 2016 and beyond.</p>
Health Care Reform Taxes and Fees - Industry Tax	<p>Health Insurance Industry Tax: This non-deductible tax is being levied based on a ratio of an insurer's net health insurance premiums written for the previous calendar year compared to the U.S. health insurance industry total. We recognized approximately \$310 million in operating expenses in 2015 compared with approximately \$240 million in 2014. The increase in 2015 largely reflects growth in the industry assessment from \$8 billion in 2014 to \$11.3 billion in 2015. Because this tax is not deductible for federal income tax purposes, our effective tax rate increased from historical levels in 2014 and 2015. Of the full year 2015 tax, \$170 million relates to our commercial business and \$140 million to our Medicare business. For our commercial business, we incorporated the industry tax into target pricing actions. For our Medicare business, although we have partially mitigated the effect of the tax through benefit changes and customer premium increases, the combination of the tax and lower MA rates have contributed to lower margins in the Government operating segment in both 2015 and 2014.</p> <p>Because the industry assessment in 2016 is also \$11.3 billion, we expect our share of the tax, and its effect on our results of operations, to be similar to 2015. In December 2015, federal appropriations legislation imposed a one-year moratorium on the industry tax for 2017, with reinstatement expected in 2018. For our commercial business, our target pricing actions related to 2017 and 2018 plan years will reflect the impacts of this legislation. For our Medicare business, we expect to partially mitigate the impacts of this legislation.</p> <p>See the Consolidated Results of Operations and Global Health Care segment sections of this MD&A and Note 2(B) to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion.</p>
- Reinsurance Fee	<p>Reinsurance Fee: This tax deductible fee is a fixed dollar per customer levy that applies to both insured and self-insured major medical plans excluding certain products such as Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D. Proceeds from the fee are being used to fund the reinsurance program for non-grandfathered individual business sold either on or off the public exchanges beginning in 2014. For our insured business, we recognized approximately \$70 million in 2015 compared with \$110 million in 2014. We incorporate these fees into target pricing actions.</p>
Public Health Exchanges	<p>Public Health Exchanges: For 2015, we offered individual coverage on eight public health insurance exchanges (Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas). In 2016, we exited the Florida public exchange market.</p>

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Risk Mitigation Programs

See Note 2(R) to the Consolidated Financial Statements for a description of and our accounting policy for these programs that commenced in 2014.

In 2015, shareholders' net income included after-tax benefits of approximately \$250 million related to the 2015 coverage year risk mitigation programs, consisting of approximately \$100 million for reinsurance and approximately \$75 million each for the risk adjustment and risk corridor programs. After-tax benefits reported below for each program in 2015 also included the effects of updates to 2014 coverage year amounts based on CMS data received in June 2015.

The following table presents the after-tax benefits to shareholders' net income from these programs for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 and our net receivable balances as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

(In millions)	After-tax Impact on Shareholders' Net Income ⁽¹⁾		Net Receivable Balance ⁽²⁾	
	For the Years Ended		As of December 31,	
	December 31,		As of December 31,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Reinsurance	\$ 125	\$ 109	\$ 158	\$ 167
Risk Adjustment	92	49	118	76
Risk Corridor	49	40	134	62
Total	\$ 266	\$ 198	\$ 410	\$ 305

(1) After-tax impacts reported in 2015 included an increase for the 2014 coverage year of approximately \$20 million based on CMS data received in June 2015. For the 2015 coverage year, we have accrued reinsurance recoveries at the 90% coinsurance rate prescribed by Health Care Reform.

(2) Net receivables for the risk adjustment and risk corridor programs are reported in premiums, accounts and notes receivable. For the reinsurance program, receivables are reported in reinsurance recoverables.

In 2015, we received approximately \$300 million related to the 2014 risk mitigation programs. CMS paid substantially all amounts due under the 2014 reinsurance and risk adjustment programs. In addition, CMS paid approximately 13% of insurers' 2014 coverage year risk corridor receivables. CMS has acknowledged its legal obligation to pay insurers under the risk corridor program for the balance of the 2014 coverage year as well as the 2015 coverage year, as required by Health Care Reform. If CMS' risk corridor program collections, including carryovers from prior years, are insufficient to satisfy its payment obligations, CMS has stated that it will explore other funding sources subject to the availability of appropriations that may require congressional approval. We are continuing to monitor developments related to the risk corridor program.

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Consolidated Results of Operations

Summarized below are our results of operations on a GAAP basis

Financial Summary (In millions)	For the Years Ended December 31,			Increase/(Decrease)		Increase/(Decrease)	
	2015	2014	2013	2015 vs. 2014		2014 vs. 2013	
Premiums	\$ 29,642	\$ 27,214	\$ 25,575	\$ 2,428	9%	\$ 1,639	6%
Fees and other revenues	4,488	4,141	3,601	347	8	540	15
Net investment income	1,153	1,166	1,164	(13)	(1)	2	-
Mail order pharmacy revenues	2,536	2,239	1,827	297	13	412	23
Operating revenues	37,819	34,760	32,167	3,059	9	2,593	8
Net realized investment gains	57	154	213	(97)	(63)	(59)	(28)
Total revenues	37,876	34,914	32,380	2,962	8	2,534	8
Global Health Care medical costs	18,354	16,694	15,867	1,660	10	827	5
Other benefit expenses	4,936	4,640	4,998	296	6	(358)	(7)
Mail order pharmacy costs	2,134	1,907	1,509	227	12	398	26
Other operating expenses	8,982	8,174	7,595	808	10	579	8
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets, net	143	195	235	(52)	(27)	(40)	(17)
Benefits and expenses	34,549	31,610	30,204	2,939	9	1,406	5
Income before income taxes	3,327	3,304	2,176	23	1	1,128	52
Income taxes	1,250	1,210	698	40	3	512	73
Net income	2,077	2,094	1,478	(17)	(1)	616	42
Less: net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	(17)	(8)	2	(9)	(113)	(10)	N/M
Shareholders' net income	\$ 2,094	\$ 2,102	\$ 1,476	\$ (8)	-%	\$ 626	42%

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A reconciliation of shareholders' net income to adjusted income from operations follows:

Financial Summary (In millions)	For the Years Ended December 31,			Increase/(Decrease)		Increase/(Decrease)	
	2015	2014	2013	2015 vs. 2014	%	2014 vs. 2013	%
Shareholders' net income	\$ 2,094	\$ 2,102	\$ 1,476	\$ (8)	-%	\$ 626	42%
After-tax adjustments required to reconcile to adjusted income from operations:							
Results of GMIB business	-	-	(25)	-		25	
Net realized investment (gains)	(40)	(106)	(141)	66		35	
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets, net	80	119	144	(39)		(25)	
Special items							
Debt extinguishment costs (See Note 15 to the Consolidated Financial Statements)	65	-	-	65		-	
Merger-related transaction costs (See Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements)	57	-	-	57		-	
Costs associated with PBM services agreement (See Note 22 to the Consolidated Financial Statements)	-	-	24	-		(24)	
Charge related to reinsurance transaction (See Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements)	-	-	507	-		(507)	
Charge for disability claims regulatory matter (See Note 23 to the Consolidated Financial Statements)	-	-	51	-		(51)	
Charge for organizational efficiency plans (See Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements)	-	-	40	-		(40)	
ADJUSTED INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 2,256	\$ 2,115	\$ 2,076	\$ 141	7%	\$ 39	2%
Other Key Consolidated Financial Data							
Earnings per share (diluted):							
Shareholders' net income	\$ 8.04	\$ 7.83	\$ 5.18	\$ 0.21	3%	\$ 2.65	51%
Per share impact of after-tax adjustments to shareholders' net income							
Results of GMIB business	-	-	(0.09)	-		0.09	
Net realized investment (gains)	(0.15)	(0.40)	(0.49)	0.25		0.09	
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets, net	0.30	0.44	0.51	(0.14)		(0.07)	
Special items	0.47	-	2.18	0.47		(2.18)	
Adjusted income from operations	\$ 8.66	\$ 7.87	\$ 7.29	\$ 0.79	10%	\$ 0.58	8%
Effective tax rate	37.6%	36.6%	32.1%	100 bps		450 bps	

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Consolidated Results of Operations: 2015 Compared to 2014 and 2014 Compared to 2013

- **Revenues.** The components of revenue changes are discussed further below:
 - **Premiums.** The increase in 2015 compared with 2014 reflects premium growth in each of our ongoing reporting segments: Global Health Care, Global Supplemental Benefits and Group Disability and Life. These results are primarily attributable to customer growth in our targeted market segments and rate actions in our commercial health care businesses consistent with medical cost trend. The increase in 2014 compared with 2013 was driven primarily by rate increases to recover both medical cost trend and new taxes and fees assessed under Health Care Reform. Business growth in certain of our market segments also contributed to the increase in 2014.
 - **Fees and other revenues.** The increases in both 2015 and 2014 largely reflected growth from specialty products offered through our Global Health Care segment and an increased customer base for our administrative services only business. Fees and other revenues also included pre-tax losses of \$39 million in early 2013 attributable to the hedge program associated with the guaranteed minimum death benefit ("GMDB") and GMDB business prior to the reinsurance transaction with Berkshire.
 - **Net investment income** decreased in 2015 versus 2014, due to lower investment yields from the continued low interest rate environment and unfavorable foreign currency effects partially offset by higher average invested assets. In 2014, net investment income was flat compared with 2013, reflecting higher average investment assets offset by lower yields.
 - **Mail order pharmacy revenues** increased in both 2015 and 2014 driven by greater volume, primarily for specialty medications (injectables) due to our higher customer base and home delivery utilization.
 - **Realized investment results.** In 2015, realized investment results decreased compared with 2014, primarily due to higher impairment losses on certain externally managed fixed maturities, particularly within the energy sector, that have an increased probability of sale prior to recovery of amortized cost. These impairments were driven by increased market yields. The significant decrease in 2014, compared with 2013, resulted primarily from the absence of large gains on sales of fixed maturities in 2013 related to funding the reinsurance transaction with Berkshire. See Note 14 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.
- **Global Health Care medical costs.** The increases in both 2015 and 2014 were primarily due to customer growth in our government business and, to a lesser extent, medical cost inflation.
- **Other benefit expenses.** The increase in 2015 compared with 2014 was primarily due to business growth in our Group Disability and Life and Global Supplemental Benefits segments. The decrease in other benefit expenses in 2014 compared with 2013 resulted from the absence of the charges recorded in the first quarter of 2013 associated with the reinsurance agreement with Berkshire (\$727 million pre-tax), partially offset by continued business growth in the Global Supplemental and Group Disability and Life segments.
- **Mail order pharmacy costs.** The increases in both 2015 and 2014 are primarily due to increased volume, primarily for specialty medications (injectables), from our higher customer base, and home delivery utilization as well as higher unit costs.
- **Other operating expenses.** The increase in 2015 compared with 2014 was primarily due to business growth, strategic investments across our segments and special items described below. In 2014, the increase in other operating expenses over 2013 was largely driven by new taxes and fees assessed under Health Care Reform and business growth in all of our ongoing segments.
- **Amortization of other acquired intangible assets, net.** The decreases in both 2015 and 2014 reflect the expected continuing decline in amortization from our 2012 acquisition of HealthSpring, Inc. The decrease in 2015 also includes the one-time \$23 million benefit of an acquisition in which the fair value of acquired net assets exceeded the purchase price.
- **Special items.** See Note 22 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details about special items.
- **Consolidated effective tax rate.** The increases in the consolidated effective tax rate in both 2015 and 2014 were primarily driven by the non-deductible health insurance industry tax assessed under Health Care Reform. This tax was first assessed in 2014 and increased in 2015. See Note 19 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Financial Summary (in millions)	2015	2014	2013
Short-term investments	\$ 381	\$ 163	\$ 631
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,968	\$ 1,420	\$ 2,795
Short-term debt	\$ 149	\$ 147	\$ 233
Long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	\$ 5,020	\$ 4,979	\$ 4,984
Shareholders' equity	\$ 12,035	\$ 10,774	\$ 10,567

⁽¹⁾ As explained in Note 7 (B) to the Consolidated Financial Statements, in the fourth quarter of 2015, the Company retrospectively adopted Accounting Standards Update 2015-03 that requires debt issuance costs to be netted against the carrying value of the debt. Amounts presented above for 2014 and 2013 have been retrospectively adjusted to conform to the new guidance. The impact was not material.

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Consolidated short-term investments increased in 2015 compared with 2014 as a result of higher net purchases of short-term investments at the parent company level. The decrease in short-term investments in 2014 compared with 2013 resulted from the Company's investment mix shift toward longer-term holdings.

Liquidity

We maintain liquidity at two levels: the subsidiary level and the parent company level.

Liquidity requirements at the subsidiary level generally consist of:

- medical costs and benefit payments to policyholders; and
- operating expense requirements, primarily for employee compensation and benefits.

Our subsidiaries normally meet their operating requirements by:

- maintaining appropriate levels of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments;
- using cash flows from operating activities;
- selling investments;
- matching investment durations to those estimated for the related insurance and contractholder liabilities; and
- borrowing from affiliates, subject to applicable regulatory limits.

Liquidity requirements at the parent company level generally consist of:

- debt service and dividend payments to shareholders;
- pension plan funding; and
- repurchases of common stock.

The parent company normally meets its liquidity requirements by:

- maintaining appropriate levels of cash and various types of marketable investments;
- collecting dividends from its subsidiaries;
- using proceeds from issuance of debt and equity securities; and
- borrowing from its subsidiaries.

Cash flows for the years ended December 31, were as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	2015	2014	2013
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 2,717	\$ 1,994	\$ 719
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	\$ (1,599)	\$ (1,755)	\$ 15
Net cash used in financing activities	\$ (530)	\$ (1,582)	\$ (930)

Cash flows from operating activities consist of cash receipts and disbursements for premiums and fees, mail order pharmacy, other revenues, investment income, taxes, benefits and expenses. Because certain income and expense transactions do not generate cash, and because cash transactions related to revenues and expenses may occur in periods different from when those revenues and expenses are recognized in shareholders' net income, cash flows from operating activities can be significantly different from shareholders' net income.

Cash flows from investing activities generally consist of net investment purchases or sales and net purchases of property and equipment including capitalized software, as well as cash used to acquire businesses.

Cash flows from financing activities are generally comprised of issuances and re-payment of debt at the parent company level, proceeds on the issuance of common stock resulting from stock option exercises, and stock repurchases. In addition, the subsidiaries report deposits to and withdrawals from investment contract liabilities (including universal life insurance liabilities) because such liabilities are considered financing activities with policyholders.

Operating activities

Cash flows from operating activities increased in 2015 compared with 2014 primarily driven by the volume and timing of government reimbursements and pharmacy considerations.

Cash flows from operating activities increased substantially in 2014 compared with 2013, primarily due to the absence of the 2013 reinsurance payments totaling \$2.2 billion to Berkshire. Excluding those payments and tax benefits realized in connection with the Berkshire transaction, cash flows from operating activities in 2014 decreased by \$0.6 billion, compared with 2013. This decrease was primarily related to the volume and timing of reimbursements prescribed by government programs.

Investing activities

Net cash used in investing activities decreased in 2015 compared with 2014, due to lower net purchases of fixed maturities. Cash flows from investing activities decreased by \$1.8 billion in 2014 compared with 2013, primarily due to higher net purchases of fixed maturities. In 2013, net purchases of fixed maturities were lower than 2014 primarily due to funding the Berkshire transaction.

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Financing activities

Cash used in financing activities decreased in 2015 compared with 2014, primarily reflecting lower share repurchases. Cash used in financing activities increased in 2014 compared with the same period in 2013, primarily due to higher share repurchases.

Share repurchase

We maintain a share repurchase program, authorized by our Board of Directors. Under this program, we may repurchase shares from time to time, depending on market conditions and alternate uses of capital. We may suspend activity under our share repurchase program from time to time and may also remove such suspensions, generally without public announcement. We may also repurchase shares at times by using a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan when we otherwise might be precluded from doing so under insider trading laws or because of self-imposed trading block-out periods.

In 2015, we repurchased 5.5 million shares for \$683 million. From January 1, 2016 through February 25, 2016 we repurchased 0.8 million shares for \$110 million. The total remaining share repurchase authorization as of February 25, 2016 was \$390 million. We repurchased 18.5 million shares for \$1.6 billion in 2014 and repurchased 13.6 million shares for \$1.0 billion in 2013.

Interest Expense

Interest expense on long-term debt, short-term debt and capital leases was as follows:

<i>(in millions)</i>	2015	2014	2013
Interest expense	\$ 252	\$ 265	\$ 270

Interest expense reported above for the year ended 2015 excludes losses on the early extinguishment of debt.

The weighted average interest rate for outstanding short-term debt (primarily commercial paper) was 0.69% at December 31, 2015 and 0.27% at December 31, 2014.

Capital Resources

Our capital resources (primarily retained earnings and proceeds from the issuance of debt and equity securities) provide protection for policyholders, furnish the financial strength to underwrite insurance risks and facilitate continued business growth.

Management, guided by regulatory requirements and rating agency capital guidelines, determines the amount of capital resources that we maintain. Management allocates resources to new long-term business commitments when returns, considering the risks, look promising and when the resources available to support existing business are adequate.

We prioritize our use of capital resources to:

- provide the capital necessary to support growth and maintain or improve the financial strength ratings of subsidiaries and to fund pension obligations;
- consider acquisitions that are strategically and economically advantageous; and
- return capital to investors through share repurchase.

The availability of capital resources will be impacted by equity and credit market conditions. Extreme volatility in credit or equity market conditions may reduce our ability to issue debt or equity securities.

Liquidity and Capital Resources Outlook

At December 31, 2015, there was approximately \$1.4 billion in cash and investments available at the parent company level. In 2016, the parent company's combined cash obligations are expected to be approximately \$365 million to pay for interest, commercial paper maturities and dividends.

We expect, based on the parent company's current cash position, current projections for subsidiary dividends, and the ability to refinance its commercial paper borrowing, to have sufficient liquidity to meet the obligations discussed above.

Our cash projections may not be realized and the demand for funds could exceed available cash if our ongoing businesses experience unexpected shortfalls in earnings, or we experience material adverse effects from one or more risks or uncertainties described more fully in the Risk Factors section of this Form 10-K. In those cases, we expect to have the flexibility to satisfy liquidity needs through a variety of measures, including intercompany borrowings and sales of liquid investments. The parent company may borrow up to \$1.3 billion from its insurance subsidiaries without additional state approval. As of December 31, 2015, the parent company had \$63 million of net intercompany loans receivable from its insurance subsidiaries. Alternatively, to satisfy parent company liquidity requirements we may use short-term borrowings, such as the commercial paper program, the committed revolving credit and letter of credit agreement of up to \$1.5 billion subject to the maximum debt leverage covenant in its line of credit agreement. As of December 31, 2015, \$1.5 billion of short-term borrowing capacity under the credit agreement was available to us. Within the maximum debt leverage covenant in the line of credit agreement as described in Note 15, we have \$7.9 billion of borrowing capacity in addition to the \$5.2 billion of debt outstanding. This additional borrowing capacity includes the \$1.5 billion available under the credit agreement.

Though we believe we have adequate sources of liquidity, significant disruption or volatility in the capital and credit markets could affect our ability to access those markets for additional borrowings or increase costs associated with borrowing funds.

We maintain a capital management strategy to retain overseas a significant portion of the earnings from our foreign operations. These

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undistributed earnings are deployed outside of the U.S. in support of the liquidity and capital needs of our foreign operations. As of December 31, 2015, undistributed earnings were approximately \$2.2 billion. If repatriated, approximately \$310 million of cash and cash equivalents held overseas would be subject to additional tax expense representing the difference between the U.S. and foreign tax rates. This strategy does not materially limit our ability to meet our liquidity and capital needs in the U.S. Cash and cash equivalents in foreign operations are held primarily to meet local liquidity and surplus needs with excess funds generally invested in longer duration, high quality securities.

Unfunded Pension Plan Liability. As of December 31, 2015, our unfunded pension liability was \$953 million, reflecting a decrease of approximately \$150 million from December 31, 2014. The decrease in the unfunded liability reflected an increase of approximately 40 basis points in the weighted average assumed discount rate, and changes to our mortality assumptions based on an updated pension mortality table. In 2016, we do not expect to make any pension contributions, as there are no contributions required under the Pension Protection Act of 2006. See Note 9 for additional information regarding our pension plans.

Solvency II. Beginning in 2016, our businesses in the European Union became subject to the directive on insurance regulation, solvency and governance requirements known as Solvency II. This directive imposes economic risk-based solvency and governance requirements and supervisory rules. Our European insurance companies are capitalized at levels consistent with projected Solvency II requirements and in compliance with anticipated governance and technical capability requirements.

Guarantees and Contractual Obligations

We are contingently liable for various contractual obligations entered into in the ordinary course of business. The maturities of our primary contractual cash obligations, as of December 31, 2015, are estimated to be as follows:

	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	4-5 years	After 5 years
<i>(In millions, on an undiscounted basis)</i>					
On-Balance Sheet:					
Insurance liabilities:					
Contractholder deposit funds	\$ 6,704	\$ 754	\$ 967	\$ 768	\$ 4,215
Future policy benefits	11,377	632	1,387	1,084	8,274
Global Health Care medical costs payable	2,369	2,293	31	10	35
Unpaid claims and claims expenses	5,041	1,530	989	667	1,855
Short-term debt	149	149	—	—	—
Long-term debt	8,396	254	882	1,013	6,247
Other long-term liabilities	750	153	131	92	374
Off-Balance Sheet:					
Purchase obligations	969	428	352	107	82
Operating leases	700	127	221	162	190
TOTAL	\$ 36,455	\$ 6,320	\$ 4,960	\$ 3,903	\$ 21,272

On balance sheet:

- **Insurance liabilities.** Contractual cash obligations for insurance liabilities, excluding unearned premiums, represent estimated net benefit payments for health, life and disability insurance policies and annuity contracts. Recorded contractholder deposit funds reflect current fund balances primarily from universal life insurance customers. Contractual cash obligations for these universal life contracts are estimated by projecting future payments using assumptions for lapse, withdrawal and mortality. These projected future payments include estimated future interest crediting on current fund balances based on current investment yields less the estimated cost of insurance charges and mortality and administrative fees. Actual obligations in any single year will vary based on actual morbidity, mortality, lapse, withdrawal, investment and premium experience. The sum of the obligations presented above exceeds the corresponding insurance and contractholder liabilities of \$20 billion recorded on the balance sheet because the recorded insurance liabilities reflect discounting for interest and the recorded contractholder liabilities exclude future interest crediting, charges and fees. We manage our investment portfolios to generate cash flows needed to satisfy contractual obligations. Any shortfall from expected investment yields could result in increases to recorded reserves and adversely impact results of operations. The amounts associated with the sold retirement benefits and individual life insurance and annuity businesses, as well as the reinsured workers' compensation, personal accident and supplemental benefits businesses, are excluded from the table above as their related net cash flows associated with them are not expected to impact our cash flows. The total amount of these reinsured reserves excluded is approximately \$5 billion. The expected future cash flows for GMDB and GMIB contracts included in the table above (within future policy benefits and other long-term liabilities) do not consider any of the related reinsurance arrangements.
- **Short-term debt** represents commercial paper, current maturities of long-term debt, and current obligations under capital leases.
- **Long-term debt** includes scheduled interest payments. Capital leases are included in long-term debt and represent obligations for IT network storage, servers and equipment.

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- **Other long-term liabilities.** This table includes estimated payments for GMIB contracts, pension and other postretirement and postemployment benefit obligations, supplemental and deferred compensation plans, interest rate and foreign currency swap contracts, and certain tax and reinsurance liabilities. These items are presented in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Estimated payments of \$75 million for deferred compensation, non-qualified and international pension plans and other postretirement and postemployment benefit plans are expected to be paid in less than one year. Our best estimate is that there will be no contributions to the qualified domestic pension plans during 2016. We expect to make payments subsequent to 2016 for these obligations, however subsequent payments have been excluded from the table as their timing is based on plan assumptions that may materially differ from actual activities. See Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information on pension and other postretirement benefit obligations.

The above table also does not contain \$31 million of liabilities for uncertain tax positions because we cannot reasonably estimate the timing of their resolution with the respective taxing authorities. See Note 19 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2015 for further information.

Off-Balance Sheet:

Purchase obligations. As of December 31, 2015, purchase obligations consisted of estimated payments required under contractual arrangements for future services and investment commitments as follows:

<i>(In millions)</i>	
Fixed maturities	\$ 15
Commercial mortgage loans	5
Limited liability entities (other long-term investments)	671
Total investment commitments	691
Future service commitments	278
TOTAL PURCHASE OBLIGATIONS	\$ 969

See Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

Our estimated future service commitments primarily represent contracts for certain outsourced business processes and IT maintenance and support. We generally have the ability to terminate these agreements, but do not anticipate doing so at this time. Purchase obligations exclude contracts that are cancelable without penalty and those that do not specify minimum levels of goods or services to be purchased.

Operating leases. For additional information, see Note 21 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Guarantees

We are contingently liable for various financial and other guarantees provided in the ordinary course of business. See Note 23 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on guarantees.

Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts and related disclosures in the Consolidated Financial Statements. Management considers an accounting estimate to be critical if:

- it requires assumptions to be made that were uncertain at the time the estimate was made; and
- changes in the estimate or different estimates that could have been selected could have a material effect on our consolidated results of operations or financial condition.

Management has discussed the development and selection of its critical accounting estimates with the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors and the Audit Committee has reviewed the disclosures presented below.

In addition to the estimates presented in the following table, there are other accounting estimates used in the preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements, including estimates of liabilities for future policy benefits, as well as estimates with respect to unpaid claims and claim expenses, postemployment and postretirement benefits other than pensions, certain compensation accruals, and income taxes.

Management believes the current assumptions used to estimate amounts reflected in our Consolidated Financial Statements are appropriate. However, if actual experience differs from the assumptions used in estimating amounts reflected in our Consolidated Financial Statements, the resulting changes could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated results of operations and, in certain situations, could have a material adverse effect on our liquidity and financial condition.

See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information on significant accounting policies.

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Balance Sheet Caption / Nature of Critical Accounting Estimate

Effect if Different Assumptions Used

Goodwill

At the acquisition date, goodwill represents the excess of the cost of businesses acquired over the fair value of their net assets

We completed our annual evaluations of goodwill for impairment during the third quarter of 2015. These evaluations were performed at the reporting unit level, based on discounted cash flow analyses and market data. The evaluations indicated that no impairment was required.

Fair value of a reporting unit was estimated using models and assumptions that we believe a hypothetical market participant would use to determine a current transaction price. The significant assumptions and estimates used in determining fair value include the discount rate and future cash flows. A range of discount rates was used, corresponding with the reporting unit's weighted average cost of capital, consistent with that used for investment decisions considering the specific and detailed operating plans and strategies within the reporting units. Projections of future cash flows were consistent with our annual planning process for revenues, claims, operating expenses, taxes, capital levels and long-term growth rates. In addition to these assumptions, we considered market data to evaluate the fair value of each reporting unit.

In our Government operating segment (which is a reporting unit) we contract with CMS and various state governmental agencies to provide managed health care services, including Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare-approved prescription drug plans. Estimated future cash flows for this business incorporated the potential effects of Medicare Advantage reimbursement rates for 2016 and beyond as discussed in the "Overview" section of this MD&A. Revenues from the Medicare programs are dependent, in whole or in part, upon annual funding from the federal government through CMS. This evaluation was updated to consider management's assessment of the impact of the CMS sanctions discussed in Note 23 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. Funding for these programs is dependent on many factors including general economic conditions, continuing government efforts to contain health care costs and budgetary constraints at the federal level and general political issues and priorities.

Goodwill as of December 31 was as follows (in millions):

• 2015 – \$6,019

• 2014 – \$5,989

See Notes 2(H) and 8 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional discussion of our goodwill.

If we do not achieve our earnings objectives or the cost of capital rises significantly, the assumptions and estimates underlying these impairment evaluations could be adversely affected and result in future impairment charges that would negatively impact our operating results.

The fair value estimate of our Government reporting unit could decrease by approximately 30% before an indication of impairment of goodwill occurs. Changes in the funding for our Medicare programs by the federal government, or our inability to resolve the matters arising from the CMS Notice in a timely and satisfactory manner, could materially reduce revenues and profitability in our Government reporting unit and have a significant impact on its fair value.

The estimated fair value of our remaining reporting units exceeded their carrying values by a substantial margin based on our annual evaluations of goodwill for impairment during the third quarter of 2015.

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Balance Sheet Caption / Nature of Critical Accounting Estimate	Effect if Different Assumptions Used
<p><i>Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities – pension liabilities</i></p> <p>These liabilities are estimates of the present value of the qualified and nonqualified pension benefits to be paid (attributed to employee service to date) net of the fair value of plan assets. The accrued pension benefit liability as of December 31 was as follows (in millions):</p> <p>• 2015 – \$953</p> <p>• 2014 – \$1,099</p> <p>See Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for assumptions and methods used to estimate pension liabilities</p>	<p>The discount rate is typically the most significant assumption in measuring the pension liability. We develop the discount rate by applying actual annualized yields at various durations from a discount rate curve constructed from high quality corporate bonds.</p> <p>If discount rates for the qualified and nonqualified pension plans decreased by 50 basis points, the accrued pension benefit liability would increase by approximately \$205 million as of December 31, 2015 resulting in an after-tax decrease to shareholders' equity of approximately \$135 million.</p> <p>If the December 31, 2015 fair values of domestic qualified plan assets decreased by 10%, the accrued pension benefit liability would increase by approximately \$395 million as of December 31, 2015 resulting in an after-tax decrease to shareholders' equity of approximately \$255 million.</p> <p>An increase in these key assumptions would result in impacts to, the accrued pension liability and shareholders' equity in an opposite direction, but similar amounts.</p>
<p><i>Global Health Care medical costs payable</i></p> <p>Medical costs payable for the Global Health Care segment include both reported claims and estimates for losses incurred but not yet reported.</p> <p>Liabilities for medical costs payable as of December 31 were as follows (in millions):</p> <p>• 2015 – gross \$2,355; net \$2,112</p> <p>• 2014 – gross \$2,180; net \$1,928</p> <p>These liabilities are presented above both gross and net of reinsurance and other recoverables and generally exclude amounts for administrative services only business.</p> <p>See Notes 2 and 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding assumptions and methods used to estimate this liability.</p>	<p>In 2015, actual experience differed from our key assumptions as of December 31, 2014, resulting in \$210 million of favorable incurred costs related to prior years' medical costs payable or 1.3% of the current year incurred costs as reported in 2014. In 2014, actual experience differed from our key assumptions as of December 31, 2013, resulting in \$159 million of favorable incurred costs related to prior years' medical claims, or 1.0% of the current year incurred costs reported in 2013. Specifically, the favorable impact is due to faster than expected completion factors and lower than expected medical cost trends, both of which included an assumption for moderately adverse experience.</p> <p>The impact of this favorable prior year development was an increase to shareholders' net income of \$60 million in 2015. The change in the amount of the incurred costs related to prior years in the medical costs payable liability does not directly correspond to an increase or decrease in shareholders' net income as explained in Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.</p>

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Balance Sheet Caption / Nature of Critical Accounting Estimate

Valuation of fixed maturity investments

Most fixed maturities are classified as available for sale and are carried at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) within shareholders' equity.

Fair value is defined as the price at which an asset could be exchanged in an orderly transaction between market participants at the balance sheet date.

Determining fair value for a financial instrument requires management judgment. The degree of judgment involved generally correlates to the level of pricing readily observable in the markets. Financial instruments with quoted prices in active markets or with market observable inputs to determine fair value, such as public securities, generally require less judgment. Conversely, private placements including more complex securities that are traded infrequently are typically measured using pricing models that require more judgment as to the inputs and assumptions used to estimate fair value. There may be a number of alternative inputs to select based on an understanding of the issuer, the structure of the security and overall market conditions. In addition, these factors are inherently variable in nature as they change frequently in response to market conditions. Approximately two-thirds of our fixed maturities are public securities, and one-third are private placement securities.

See Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of our fair value measurements and the procedures performed by management to determine that the amounts represent appropriate estimates.

Effect If Different Assumptions Used

Typically, the most significant input in the measurement of fair value is the market interest rate used to discount the estimated future cash flows of the instrument. Such market rates are derived by calculating the appropriate spreads over comparable U.S. Treasury securities, based on the credit quality, industry and structure of the asset.

If the interest rates used to calculate fair value increased by 100 basis points, the fair value of the total fixed maturity portfolio of \$19 billion would decrease by approximately \$1.2 billion.

Assessment of "other-than-temporary" impairments of fixed maturities

To determine whether a fixed maturity's decline in fair value below its amortized cost is other than temporary, we must evaluate the expected recovery in value and our intent to sell or the likelihood of a required sale of the fixed maturity prior to an expected recovery. To make this determination, we consider a number of general and specific factors including the regulatory, economic and market environments, length of time and severity of the decline, and the financial health and specific near term prospects of the issuer.

See Notes 2 (C) and 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional discussion of our review of declines in fair value, including information regarding our accounting policies for fixed maturities.

For all fixed maturities with cost in excess of their fair value, if this excess was determined to be other-than-temporary, shareholders' net income for the year ended December 31, 2015 would have decreased by approximately \$142 million after-tax.

Segment Reporting

The following section of this MD&A discusses the results of each of our reporting segments. In these segment discussions, we present "operating revenues," defined as total revenues excluding realized investment results. We exclude realized investment results from this measure because our portfolio managers may sell investments based on factors largely unrelated to the underlying business purposes of each segment. As a result, gains or losses created in this process may not be indicative of past or future underlying performance of the business. See Note 22 for the components of each segment's operating revenues.

We use "adjusted income from operations" as our principal financial measure of operating performance because management believes it best reflects the underlying results of our business operations and permits analysis of trends in underlying revenue, expenses and profitability. Beginning on January 1, 2015, we define adjusted

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income from operations as shareholders' net income (loss) excluding after-tax realized investment gains and losses, net amortization of other acquired intangible assets and special items. Prior period segment information has been restated to reflect these new performance metrics. Ratios presented in this segment discussion exclude the same items as adjusted income from operations. Income or expense amounts are excluded from adjusted income from operations for the following reasons:

- Realized investment results are excluded because, as noted above, our portfolio managers may sell investments based on factors largely unrelated to the underlying business purposes of each segment.
- Net amortization of other intangible assets is excluded because it relates to costs incurred for acquisitions and, as a result, it does not relate to the core performance of the Company's business operations. The amortization amount is net of one-time benefits of acquisitions in which the fair value of net assets acquired exceeds the purchase price.
- Special items, if any, are excluded because management believes they are not representative of the underlying results of operations. See Note 22 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for descriptions of special items.

In 2013, adjusted income from operations also excluded the results of the guaranteed minimum income benefit ("GMIB") business prior to the reinsurance transaction with Berkshire.

See MD&A Overview on page 35 for summarized financial results of each of our reporting segments.

Global Health Care Segment

As described in the Segment Reporting introduction on page 48, the performance of the Global Health Care segment is measured using adjusted income from operations. See Note 22 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the calculation of adjusted income from operations for each segment. The key factors affecting adjusted income from operations for this segment are:

- customer growth;
- sales of specialty products;
- operating expense as a percentage of operating revenues (operating expense ratio); and
- medical costs as a percentage of premiums (medical care ratio or "MCR") for our commercial and government businesses.

Results of Operations

Financial Summary (In millions)	For the Years Ended December 31,			Increase/(Decrease)		Increase/(Decrease)	
	2015	2014	2013	2015 vs. 2014	2014 vs. 2013	2015 vs. 2014	2014 vs. 2013
Operating revenues	\$ 29,929	\$ 27,290	\$ 25,296	\$ 2,639	10%	\$ 1,994	8%
ADJUSTED INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 1,848	\$ 1,752	\$ 1,699	\$ 96	5%	\$ 53	3%
Adjusted margin	6.2%	6.4%	6.7%	(20)bps		(30)bps	
Medical Care Ratios:							
Commercial	78.1%	78.5%	78.9%	(40)bps		(40)bps	
Government	85.2%	84.3%	84.1%	90bps		20bps	
Consolidated Global Health Care	80.9%	80.6%	80.8%	30bps		(20)bps	
Operating expense ratio	21.4%	21.4%	20.9%	-bps		50bps	

(Dollars in millions, customers in thousands)	As of December 31,			Increase/(Decrease)		Increase/(Decrease)	
	2015	2014	2013	2015 vs. 2014	2014 vs. 2013	2015 vs. 2014	2014 vs. 2013
Global Health Care medical claims payable	\$ 2,355	\$ 2,180	\$ 2,050	\$ 175	8%	\$ 130	6%
Customers:							
Total commercial risk	2,502	2,534	2,496	(32)	(1)%	38	2%
Total government	567	518	492	49	9	26	5
Total risk	3,069	3,052	2,988	17	1	64	2
Service	11,930	11,404	11,090	526	5	314	3
TOTAL MEDICAL CUSTOMERS⁽¹⁾	14,999	14,456	14,078	543	4%	378	3%

(1) 2013 excludes limited benefit customers.

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Adjusted income from operations increased in 2015 compared with 2014, reflecting U.S. Commercial business growth, including increased contributions from pharmacy, stop loss and other specialty products. Results in 2015 also reflect the impact of increased investments in business initiatives.

Adjusted income from operations increased in 2014 compared with 2013. This growth was primarily driven by increased specialty contributions, partially offset by lower earnings in our government segment. In addition, results included the impact of higher operating expenses and lower margins in our U.S. commercial group risk business.

Operating revenues. The increase in operating revenues in 2015, compared with 2014, is primarily due to a higher customer base in our government segment, as well as revenue growth in specialty businesses and higher premiums in the U.S. commercial segment reflecting rate actions on most risk products primarily to recover underlying medical cost trends.

The increase in 2014 compared with 2013 was primarily driven by growth in specialty businesses, higher premiums in the U.S. commercial segment reflecting rate actions on most risk products to recover underlying medical cost trends and taxes and fees mandated by Health Care Reform, and a higher customer base in our individual and Medicaid business. These increases were partially offset by lower revenue due to our exit from the limited benefits business.

Medical care ratios. The Commercial medical care ratio decreased slightly in 2015 compared with 2014 primarily due to improved performance in our stop loss business. In 2014, the commercial medical care ratio decreased slightly compared with 2013 due to rate increases to cover new taxes and fees mandated by Health Care Reform and improved performance in our specialty business, partially offset by a higher medical care ratio in the U.S. Individual business and our exit from the limited benefits business.

The Government medical care ratio increased in 2015 compared with 2014 due to an increase in Medicare Part D utilization. In 2014, the Government medical care ratio increased slightly compared with 2013 due to higher Medicare Part D pharmacy costs offset by improved per-member revenues in the Medicare Advantage business.

Operating expense ratio. The operating expense ratio was flat in 2015 compared with 2014, reflecting business-initiative investments offset by higher revenue and disciplined expense management. The operating expense ratio increased in 2014 compared with 2013 primarily due to the impact of Health Care Reform taxes and fees that became effective in 2014.

Other Items Affecting Health Care Results

Global Health Care Medical Costs Payable

Medical costs payable is higher as of December 31, 2015 compared with 2014, primarily due to growth in the stop loss book of business and the Government segment. See Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information. Medical costs payable increased in 2014 compared with 2013, primarily driven by growth in the individual and stop loss books of business.

Medical Customers

A medical customer is defined as a person meeting any one of the following criteria:

- is covered under an insurance policy or service agreement issued by us;
- has access to the Company's provider network for covered services under their medical plan; or
- has medical claims that are administered by us.

Our medical customer base as of December 31, 2015 was higher than 2014, driven by strong overall retention and sales in our targeted market segments, as well as the acquisition of QualCare Alliance Networks, Inc. on February 28, 2015.

As required by Health Care Reform, we exited the limited benefits business effective December 31, 2013. Excluding this impact, our medical customer base increased in 2014 compared with 2013, primarily driven by continued growth in our targeted market segments.

Global Supplemental Benefits Segment

As described in the Segment Reporting introduction on page 48, the performance of the Global Supplemental Benefits segment is measured using adjusted income from operations. See Note 22 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the calculation of adjusted income from operations for each segment. The key factors affecting adjusted income from operations for this segment are:

- premium growth, including new business and customer retention;
- benefit expenses as a percentage of premiums (loss ratio);
- operating expense and acquisition expense as a percentage of operating revenues (expense ratio and acquisition cost ratio); and
- the impact of foreign currency movements.

Throughout this discussion and the table presented below, prior period currency adjusted income from operations and operating revenues are calculated by applying the current period's exchange rates to reported results in the prior period. A strengthening U.S. Dollar against foreign currencies will decrease segment earnings, while a weakening U.S. Dollar produces the opposite effect.

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Financial Summary (In millions)	For the Years Ended December 31,			Increase/(Decrease)		Increase/(Decrease)	
	2015	2014	2013	2015 vs. 2014		2014 vs. 2013	
Operating revenues	\$ 3,149	\$ 3,005	\$ 2,639	\$ 144	5%	\$ 366	14%
ADJUSTED INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 262	\$ 243	\$ 200	\$ 19	8%	\$ 43	22%
Adjusted income from operations, using actual 2015 currency exchange rates	\$ 262	\$ 217	\$ 189	\$ 45	21%	\$ 28	15%
Operating revenues, using actual 2015 currency exchange rates	\$ 3,149	\$ 2,814	\$ 2,494	\$ 335	12%	\$ 320	13%
Adjusted margin	8.3%	8.1%	7.6%	20 bps		50 bps	
Loss ratio	55.3%	54.3%	52.3%	100 bps		180 bps	
Acquisition cost ratio	19.3%	21.0%	22.8%	(170) bps		(180) bps	
Expense ratio (excluding acquisition costs)	18.3%	17.7%	17.4%	60 bps		30 bps	

Adjusted income from operations increased in 2015 compared with 2014 primarily due to business growth and lower acquisition costs, partially offset by the unfavorable impact of foreign currency movements and higher expense ratios as discussed below.

The increase in adjusted income from operations in 2014 compared with 2013 was driven in part by a lower acquisition cost ratio and continuing business growth, primarily in South Korea, partially offset by a higher loss ratio driven by a business mix shift and higher incurred claims. 2014 results also included favorable tax-related items of \$21 million recorded in the third quarter of 2014.

Operating revenues were higher in both 2015 and 2014 compared with each prior year, primarily attributable to new sales, particularly in South Korea and the U.S., reflecting both customer growth and sales of higher premium products. The increase in 2015 was partially offset by the unfavorable impact of foreign currency movements.

Loss ratios increased in 2015 and 2014 compared with each prior year. The increase is due primarily to a business mix shift toward products with higher expected loss ratios in South Korea and the U.S.

Acquisition cost ratios decreased in both 2015 and 2014 compared with each prior year. The decline in each year's ratio largely represents a shift toward higher premium products with lower acquisition costs primarily in South Korea and the U.S.

The *expense ratio* (excluding acquisition costs) increased in both 2015 and 2014 compared with each prior year reflecting strategic business investments partially offset by operating efficiencies.

Other Items Affecting Global Supplemental Benefits Results

South Korea is the single largest geographic market for our Global Supplemental Benefits segment. South Korea generated 50% of the segment's revenues and 75% of the segment's earnings in 2015. In 2015, our Global Supplemental Benefits segment operations in South Korea represented 4% of our total consolidated revenues and 9.6% of shareholders' net income.

Significant movements in foreign currency exchange rates could materially affect the reported results of the Global Supplemental Benefits segment.

Group Disability and Life Segment

As described in the Segment Reporting introduction on page 48, the performance of the Group Disability and Life segment is measured using adjusted income from operations. See Note 22 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the calculation of adjusted income from operations for each segment. The key factors affecting adjusted income from operations for this segment are:

- premium growth, including new business and customer retention;
- net investment income;
- benefit expenses as a percentage of premiums (loss ratio); and
- operating expense as a percentage of operating revenues excluding net investment income (expense ratio).

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Financial Summary (In millions)	For the Years Ended December 31,			Increase/(Decrease)		Increase/(Decrease)	
	2015	2014	2013	2015 vs. 2014		2014 vs. 2013	
Operating revenues	\$ 4,271	\$ 3,970	\$ 3,747	\$ 301	8%	\$ 223	6%
ADJUSTED INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 324	\$ 317	\$ 311	\$ 7	2%	\$ 6	2%
Adjusted margin	7.6%	8.0%	8.3%	(40) bps		(30) bps	
Loss ratio	76.3%	76.5%	76.0%	(20) bps		50 bps	
Operating expense ratio	21.9%	21.9%	22.2%	-- bps		(30) bps	

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Adjusted income from operations increased in 2015 compared with 2014 due primarily to favorable life claims experience. Results also included the favorable after-tax effects of reserve reviews of \$55 million in 2015 compared with \$52 million in 2014.

The increase in adjusted income from operations in 2014 compared with 2013 reflected favorable life results, higher net investment income and a lower expense ratio partially offset by higher disability claim costs largely due to a lower discount rate. Disability claim costs were lower in 2013 in part due to the \$29 million favorable after-tax effect of a higher discount rate on claims incurred in 2013, resulting from the reallocation of higher yielding assets to the disability and life portfolio that had previously supported liabilities in the run-off reinsurance business. The favorable after-tax effects of reserve reviews were \$52 million in 2014 and \$60 million in 2013.

Operating revenues. The increases in both 2015 and in 2014 reflected premiums from new business growth due to disability and life sales. Net investment income also increased in both 2015 and in 2014 primarily due to higher average assets partially offset by lower yields.

The *loss ratio* decreased in 2015 compared with 2014 due to lower life claim incidence. The loss ratio increased in 2014 compared with 2013 due to higher disability claim costs including the effect of a lower discount rate, partially offset by lower life new claim incidence.

Operating expense ratio. The operating expense ratio was flat in 2015 compared with 2014 and lower in 2014 compared to 2013 driven by effective cost management.

Other Operations

Cigna's corporate-owned life insurance ("COLI") business contributes the majority of earnings in Other Operations. Cigna's Other Operations segment also includes the results from the run-off reinsurance and settlement annuity businesses, as well as the remaining deferred gains recognized from the sale of the individual life insurance and annuity and retirement benefits businesses.

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Financial Summary (In millions)	For the Years Ended December 31,			Increase/(Decrease)		Increase/(Decrease)	
	2015	2014	2013	2015 vs. 2014	2014 vs. 2013	2015 vs. 2014	2014 vs. 2013
Operating revenues	\$ 485	\$ 510	\$ 489	\$ (25)	5%	\$ 21	4%
ADJUSTED INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 75	\$ 68	\$ 88	\$ 7	10%	\$ (20)	(23)%
Adjusted Margin	15.5%	13.3%	18.0%	220 bps		(470) bps	

Adjusted income from operations increased in 2015 compared with 2014, reflecting favorable mortality experience in COLI. In 2014, adjusted income from operations decreased compared with 2013, primarily reflecting the absence of the \$14 million favorable impact of the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") examinations of our 2009-2010 federal tax returns completed during the third quarter of 2013 and unfavorable COLI mortality experience in 2014.

Operating revenues. The decrease in operating revenues in 2015 compared with 2014 is largely due to lower net investment income driven by lower investment yields and, to a lesser extent, lower premiums in COLI driven by favorable experience-rating impacts.

In 2014, the increase in operating revenues compared with 2013 largely reflects the absence of \$39 million in losses recorded in 2013 associated with a dynamic hedge program for the run-off reinsurance business that was discontinued with the effective exit from the OMDB and GMIB business. This impact is partially offset by a decrease in net investment income due to selling or reallocating investment assets in 2013 as a result of the reinsurance transaction with Berkshire.

Corporate

Corporate reflects amounts not allocated to operating segments, including net interest expense (defined as interest on corporate debt less net investment income on investments not supporting segment operations), interest on uncertain tax positions, certain litigation matters, intersegment eliminations, compensation cost for stock options, expense associated with our frozen pension plans and certain overhead and project costs.

Financial Summary (In millions)	For the Years Ended December 31,			Increase/(Decrease)		Increase/(Decrease)	
	2015	2014	2013	2015 vs. 2014	2014 vs. 2013	2015 vs. 2014	2014 vs. 2013
ADJUSTED LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (253)	\$ (265)	\$ (222)	\$ 12	5%	\$ (43)	(19)%

Corporate's *adjusted loss from operations* decreased in 2015 compared with 2014, primarily due to lower pension and interest expenses.

Corporate's *adjusted loss from operations* increased in 2014 compared with 2013, primarily due to increased taxes related to certain employee stock compensation costs that are not deductible for income tax purposes under Health Care Reform.

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Investment Assets

The following table presents our invested asset portfolio, excluding separate account assets, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014. Additional information regarding our investment assets and related accounting policies is included in Notes 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 17 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

<i>(In millions)</i>	2015	2014
Fixed maturities	\$ 19,455	\$ 18,983
Equity securities	190	189
Commercial mortgage loans	1,864	2,081
Policy loans	1,419	1,438
Other long-term investments	1,404	1,488
Short-term investments	381	163
TOTAL	\$ 24,713	\$ 24,342

Fixed Maturities

Investments in fixed maturities include publicly traded and privately placed debt securities, mortgage and other asset-backed securities, and preferred stocks redeemable by the investor. These investments are classified as available for sale and are carried at fair value on our balance sheet. Additional information regarding valuation methodologies, key inputs and controls is included in Note 10 of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The following table reflects our fixed maturity portfolio by type of issuer as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

<i>(In millions)</i>	2015	2014
Federal government and agency	\$ 779	\$ 954
State and local government	1,641	1,856
Foreign government	2,014	1,940
Corporate	14,448	13,498
Mortgage-backed	49	85
Other asset-backed	524	650
TOTAL	\$ 19,455	\$ 18,983

The fixed maturity portfolio increased modestly during 2015, reflecting a strategic increase in investment in fixed maturities, partially offset by decreased valuations due to the impact of increased market yields. Although overall asset values are well in excess of amortized cost, there are specific securities with amortized cost in excess of fair value by \$219 million in aggregate as of December 31, 2015. See Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

As of December 31, 2015, \$17.5 billion, or 89%, of the fixed maturities in our investment portfolio were investment grade (Baa and above, or equivalent), and the remaining \$2.0 billion were below investment grade. The majority of the bonds that are below investment grade are rated at the higher end of the non-investment grade spectrum. These quality characteristics have not materially changed from the prior year.

Our investment in state and local government securities, with an average quality rating of Aa2 is diversified by issuer and geography with no single exposure greater than \$30 million. We assess each issuer's credit quality based on a fundamental analysis of underlying financial information and do not rely solely on statistical rating organizations or monoline insurer guarantees.

We invest in high quality foreign government obligations, with an average quality rating of Aa3 as of December 31, 2015. These investments are primarily concentrated in Asia consistent with the geographic distribution of our international business operations. Foreign government obligations also include \$205 million of investments in European sovereign debt, none of which are in countries with significant political or economic concerns (Portugal, Italy, Ireland, Greece, and Spain).

As of December 31, 2015, corporate fixed maturities included private placement investments of \$5.2 billion that are generally less marketable than publicly-traded bonds. However, yields on these investments tend to be higher than yields on publicly-traded bonds with comparable credit risk. We perform a credit analysis of each issuer, diversify investments by industry and issuer and require financial and other covenants that allow us to monitor issuers for deteriorating financial strength and pursue remedial actions, if warranted. Corporate fixed maturities include \$341 million of investments in companies that are domiciled or have significant business interests in Italy, Ireland, and Spain. These investments have an average quality rating of Baa3 and are diversified by industry sector, including approximately 6% invested in financial institutions. Corporate fixed maturities also include investments in the energy and

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natural gas sector of \$1.5 billion with gross unrealized losses of \$59 million. These investments have an average quality rating of Baa1 and are diversified by issuer with no single exposure greater than \$35 million.

We have approximately \$25 million of aggregate corporate fixed maturity investments in China-based companies. In addition to amounts classified in fixed maturities on our Consolidated Balance Sheet, we operate a joint venture in China in which we have a 50% ownership interest. We account for this joint venture on the equity basis of accounting and report it in other assets, including other intangibles. This entity has an investment portfolio of approximately \$2 billion that is primarily invested in diversified corporate fixed maturities and has no investments with a material unrealized loss as of December 31, 2015.

Commercial Mortgage Loans

Our commercial mortgage loans are fixed rate loans, diversified by property type, location and borrower. Loans are secured by high quality commercial properties and are generally made at less than 70% of the property's value at origination of the loan. Property value, debt service coverage, quality, building tenancy and stability of cash flows are all important financial underwriting considerations. We hold no direct residential mortgage loans and do not securitize or service mortgage loans.

We completed an annual in-depth review of our commercial mortgage loan portfolio during the second quarter of 2015. This review included an analysis of each property's year-end 2014 financial statements, rent rolls, operating plans and budgets for 2015, a physical inspection of the property and other pertinent factors. Based on property values and cash flows estimated as part of this review and subsequent findings and repayments, the portfolio's average loan-to-value ratio improved to 58% at December 31, 2015, from 63% as of December 31, 2014, and the portfolio's average debt service coverage ratio also improved to 1.78 at December 31, 2015 from 1.66 as of December 31, 2014. These improvements reflect payoffs of loans with below average debt service coverage ratios and high loan to value ratios, as well as increased operating income and value across most underlying properties. See Note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further information.

Commercial real estate capital markets remain very active for well-leased, quality commercial real estate located in strong institutional investment markets. The vast majority of properties securing the mortgages in our mortgage portfolio possess these characteristics.

The \$1.9 billion commercial mortgage loan portfolio consists of approximately 65 loans. The portfolio includes three impaired loans with a carrying value totaling \$98 million, net of \$15 million in reserves, that are classified as problem or potential problem loans. We have \$205 million of loans maturing in the next twelve months. Given the quality and diversity of the underlying real estate, positive debt service coverage and significant borrower cash investment or equity value averaging 30%, we remain confident that borrowers will continue to perform as expected under their contract terms.

Other Long-term Investments

Other long-term investments of \$1.4 billion primarily include investments in security partnership and real estate funds as well as direct investments in real estate joint ventures. The funds typically invest in mezzanine debt or equity of privately held companies (securities partnerships) and equity real estate. Given our subordinate position in the capital structure of these underlying entities, we assume a higher level of risk for higher expected returns. To mitigate risk, investments are diversified across approximately 105 separate partnerships, and approximately 65 general partners who manage one or more of these partnerships. Also, the funds' underlying investments are diversified by industry sector or property type, and geographic region. No single partnership investment exceeds 6% of our securities and real estate partnership portfolio.

Problem and Potential Problem Investments

"Problem" bonds and commercial mortgage loans are either delinquent by 60 days or more or have been restructured as to terms, including concessions by us for modification of interest rate, principal payment or maturity date. "Potential problem" bonds and commercial mortgage loans are considered current (no payment is more than 59 days past due), but management believes they have certain characteristics that increase the likelihood that they may become problems. The characteristics management considers include, but are not limited to, the following:

- request from the borrower for restructuring;
- principal or interest payments past due by more than 30 but fewer than 60 days;
- downgrade in credit rating;
- collateral losses on asset-backed securities; and
- for commercial mortgages, deterioration of debt service coverage below 1.0 or value declines resulting in estimated loan-to-value ratios increasing to 100% or more.

We recognize interest income on problem bonds and commercial mortgage loans only when payment is actually received because of the risk profile of the underlying investment. The amount that would have been reflected in net income if interest on non-accrual investments had been recognized in accordance with the original terms was not significant for 2015 or 2014.

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The following table shows problem and potential problem investments at amortized cost, net of valuation reserves and write-downs:

(In millions)	December 31, 2015			December 31, 2014		
	Gross	Reserve	Net	Gross	Reserve	Net
Problem bonds	\$ 3	\$ (1)	\$ 2	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Problem commercial mortgage loans	90	(11)	79	90	(4)	86
Foreclosed real estate	—	—	—	24	—	24
TOTAL PROBLEM INVESTMENTS	\$ 93	\$ (12)	\$ 81	\$ 114	\$ (4)	\$ 110
Potential problem bonds	\$ 55	\$ (23)	\$ 32	\$ 22	\$ (9)	\$ 13
Potential problem commercial mortgage loans	64	(4)	60	130	(8)	122
TOTAL POTENTIAL PROBLEM INVESTMENTS	\$ 119	\$ (27)	\$ 92	\$ 152	\$ (17)	\$ 135

Net problem and potential problem investments representing less than 1% of total investments, excluding policy loans at December 31, 2015, decreased by \$72 million from December 31, 2014, primarily due to the payoffs of four potential problem mortgage loans and the sale of the remaining foreclosed property

Investment Outlook

Global financial markets have exhibited continued volatility, including modest depreciation of fixed income asset values. This volatility reflects increasing global economic uncertainty, led by concerns about China's decelerating economic growth as well as the negative and potentially destabilizing impacts from cyclically low and falling energy prices. Future realized and unrealized investment results will be driven largely by market conditions that exist when a transaction occurs or at the reporting date. These future conditions are not reasonably predictable. We believe that the vast majority of our fixed maturity investments will continue to perform under their contractual terms and that the commercial mortgage loan portfolio is positioned to perform well due to its solid aggregate loan-to-value ratio and strong debt service coverage. Based on our strategy to match the duration of invested assets to the duration of insurance and contractholder liabilities, we expect to hold a significant portion of these assets for the long term. Although future impairment losses resulting from interest rate movements and credit deterioration due to both company-specific and the global economic uncertainties discussed above remain possible, we do not expect these losses to have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or liquidity.

Market Risk

Financial Instruments

Our assets and liabilities include financial instruments subject to the risk of potential losses from adverse changes in market rates and prices. Our primary market risk exposures are:

- **Interest-rate risk** on fixed-rate, medium-term instruments. Changes in market interest rates affect the value of instruments that promise a fixed return and our employee pension liabilities.
- **Foreign currency exchange rate risk** of the U.S. dollar primarily to the South Korean won, Euro, Chinese yuan renminbi, Taiwan dollar and British pound. An unfavorable change in exchange rates reduces the carrying value of net assets denominated in foreign currencies.

Our Management of Market Risks

We predominantly rely on three techniques to manage our exposure to market risk:

- **Investment/liability matching.** We generally select investment assets with characteristics (such as duration, yield, currency and liquidity) that correspond to the underlying characteristics of our related insurance and contractholder liabilities so that we can match the investments to our obligations. Shorter-term investments generally support shorter-term life and health liabilities. Medium-term, fixed-rate investments support interest-sensitive and health liabilities. Longer-term investments generally support products with longer pay out periods such as annuities and long-term disability liabilities.
- **Use of local currencies for foreign operations.** We generally conduct our international business through foreign operating entities that maintain assets and liabilities in local currencies. While this technique does not reduce foreign currency exposure on our net assets, it substantially limits exchange rate risk to those net assets.
- **Use of derivatives.** We use derivative financial instruments to minimize certain market risks. In 2014, we entered into interest rate swap contracts to convert a portion of our interest rate exposure on long-term debt from fixed rates to variable rates to more closely align interest expense with interest income received on our cash equivalent and short-term investment balances.

See Notes 2(C) and 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information about financial instruments, including derivative financial instruments.

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Effect of Market Fluctuations

The examples that follow illustrate the adverse effect of hypothetical changes in market rates or prices on the fair value of certain financial instruments including:

- a hypothetical increase in market interest rates, primarily for fixed maturities and commercial mortgage loans, partially offset by liabilities for long-term, largely fixed-rate debt; and
- a hypothetical strengthening of the U.S. dollar to foreign currencies, primarily for the net assets of foreign subsidiaries denominated in a foreign currency

Management believes that actual results could differ materially from these examples because:

- these examples were developed using estimates and assumptions;
- changes in the fair values of all insurance-related assets and liabilities have been excluded because their primary risks are insurance rather than market risk;
- changes in the fair values of investments recorded using the equity method of accounting and liabilities for pension and other postretirement and postemployment benefit plans (and related assets) have been excluded, consistent with the disclosure guidance; and
- changes in the fair values of other significant assets and liabilities such as goodwill, deferred policy acquisition costs, taxes, and various accrued liabilities have been excluded; because they are not financial instruments, their primary risks are other than market risk

The effects of hypothetical changes in market rates or prices on the fair values of certain of our financial instruments, subject to the exclusions noted above (particularly insurance liabilities), would have been as follows as of December 31:

Market scenario for certain non-insurance financial instruments (in millions)	Loss in fair value	
	2015	2014
100 basis point increase in interest rates	\$ 865	\$ 850
10% strengthening in U.S. dollar to foreign currencies	\$ 340	\$ 320

The effect of a hypothetical increase in interest rates was determined by estimating the present value of future cash flows using various models, primarily duration modeling. The impact of a hypothetical increase in interest rates at December 31, 2015 was greater than that at December 31, 2014 reflecting increased purchases of longer duration assets, partially offset by valuation decreases resulting from higher market yields of fixed maturities during 2015.

The effect of a hypothetical strengthening of the U.S. dollar relative to the foreign currencies held by us was estimated to be 10% of the U.S. dollar equivalent fair value. Our foreign operations hold investment assets, such as fixed maturities, cash, and cash equivalents, that are generally invested in the currency of the related liabilities. The effect of a hypothetical 10% strengthening in the U.S. dollar to foreign currencies at December 31, 2015 was greater than that effect at December 31, 2014 due to increased amounts of investments that are primarily denominated in the South Korean won.

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ITEM 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

ITEM 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The information contained under the caption "Market Risk" in the MD&A section of this Form 10-K is incorporated by reference.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

**To the Board of Directors
and Shareholders of Cigna Corporation**

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in total equity and cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cigna Corporation and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework 2013* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting appearing under Item 9A. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
February 25, 2016

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Consolidated Statements of Income

<i>(in millions, except per share amounts)</i>			
For the years ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Revenues			
Premiums	\$ 29,642	\$ 27,214	\$ 25,575
Fees and other revenues	4,488	4,141	3,601
Net investment income	1,153	1,166	1,164
Mail order pharmacy revenues	2,536	2,239	1,827
Realized investment gains (losses):			
Other-than-temporary impairments on fixed maturities	(112)	(36)	(11)
Other realized investment gains, net	169	190	224
Net realized investment gains	57	154	213
TOTAL REVENUES	37,876	34,914	32,380
Benefits and Expenses			
Global Health Care medical costs	18,354	16,694	15,867
Other benefit expenses	4,936	4,640	4,998
Mail order pharmacy costs	2,134	1,907	1,509
Other operating expenses	8,982	8,174	7,595
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets, net	143	195	235
TOTAL BENEFITS AND EXPENSES	34,549	31,610	30,204
Income before Income Taxes	3,327	3,304	2,176
Income taxes (benefits):			
Current	1,229	1,232	501
Deferred	21	(22)	197
TOTAL TAXES	1,250	1,210	698
Net Income	2,077	2,094	1,478
Less: Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	(17)	(8)	2
SHAREHOLDERS' NET INCOME	\$ 2,094	\$ 2,102	\$ 1,476
Shareholders' Net Income Per Share:			
Basic	\$ 8.17	\$ 7.97	\$ 5.28
Diluted	\$ 8.04	\$ 7.83	\$ 5.18
Dividends Declared Per Share	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04

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<i>(In millions)</i>			
For the years ended December 31,			
	2015	2014	2013
Shareholders' net income	\$ 2,094	\$ 2,102	\$ 1,476
Shareholders' other comprehensive income (loss):			
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on securities	(202)	143	(410)
Net unrealized appreciation on derivatives	15	11	9
Net translation of foreign currencies	(212)	(144)	13
Postretirement benefits liability adjustment	85	(426)	539
Shareholders' other comprehensive income (loss)	(314)	(416)	151
Shareholders' comprehensive income	1,780	1,686	1,627
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests:			
Net income (loss) attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests	(6)	1	2
Net loss attributable to other noncontrolling interests	(11)	(9)	—
Other comprehensive (loss) attributable to redeemable noncontrolling interests	(17)	(7)	(19)
Other comprehensive income (loss) attributable to other noncontrolling interests	(1)	1	—
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$ 1,745	\$ 1,672	\$ 1,610

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Cigna Corporation Consolidated Balance Sheets

<i>(In millions, except per share amounts)</i>			
As of December 31,		2015	2014
ASSETS			
Investments:			
Fixed maturities, at fair value (amortized cost, \$18,436; \$17,278)	\$	19,455	\$ 18,981
Equity securities, at fair value (cost, \$190; \$199)		190	189
Commercial mortgage loans		1,864	2,081
Policy loans		1,419	1,438
Other long-term investments		1,404	1,488
Short-term investments		381	161
Total investments		24,713	24,142
Cash and cash equivalents		1,968	1,420
Premiums, accounts and notes receivable, net		3,694	2,737
Reinsurance recoverables		6,813	7,080
Deferred policy acquisition costs		1,659	1,501
Property and equipment		1,334	1,501
Deferred tax assets, net		379	293
Goodwill		6,019	5,989
Other assets, including other intangibles		2,476	2,637
Separate account assets		7,811	8,128
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	57,088	\$ 55,870
LIABILITIES			
Contractholder deposit funds	\$	8,443	\$ 8,430
Future policy benefits		9,479	9,642
Unpaid claims and claim expenses		4,374	4,401
Global Health Care medical costs payable		2,355	2,189
Unearned premiums		629	621
Total insurance and contractholder liabilities		25,480	25,273
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities		6,493	6,264
Short-term debt		149	147
Long-term debt		5,010	4,979
Separate account liabilities		7,811	8,128
TOTAL LIABILITIES		44,975	44,991
Contingencies - Note 23			
Redeemable noncontrolling interests		69	90
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Common stock (par value per share, \$0.25; shares issued, 296; authorized, 600)		74	74
Additional paid-in capital		2,859	2,769
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(1,250)	(936)
Retained earnings		12,121	10,289
Less: treasury stock, at cost		(1,769)	(1,422)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		12,035	10,774
Noncontrolling interests		9	15
Total equity		12,044	10,789
Total liabilities and equity	\$	57,088	\$ 55,870
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY PER SHARE	\$	46.91	\$ 41.53

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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Total Equity

(In millions, except per share amounts)	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity	Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests
Balance at January 1, 2013	\$ 92	\$ 1,295	\$ (678)	\$ 12,330	\$ (5,277)	\$ 9,769	\$ —	\$ 9,769	\$ 114
2013 Activity:									
Effect of issuing stock for employee benefit plans		61		(119)	243	181		185	
Effects of a acquisition of joint venture							14	14	6
Other comprehensive income (loss)			151			151		151	(19)
Net income				1,476		1,476		1,476	2
Common dividends declared (per share: \$0.04)				(11)		(11)		(11)	
Repurchase of common stock					(1,003)	(1,003)		(1,003)	
Other transactions impacting noncontrolling interests							—	—	(7)
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2013	92	1,356	(528)	13,676	(6,037)	10,567	14	10,581	96
2014 Activity:									
Effect of issuing stock for employee benefit plans		69		(124)	220	165		165	
Other comprehensive income (loss)			(416)			(416)	1	(415)	(7)
Net income (loss)				2,102		2,102	(9)	2,093	1
Common dividends declared (per share: \$0.04)				(11)		(11)		(11)	
Repurchase of common stock					(1,629)	(1,629)		(1,629)	
Retirement of treasury stock	(18)	(632)		(5,354)	6,024	—		—	
Other transactions impacting noncontrolling interests		(1)				(4)	9	5	—
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2014	74	2,789	(934)	10,289	(1,422)	10,724	15	10,739	90
2015 Activity:									
Effect of issuing stock for employee benefit plans		99		(252)	336	181		181	
Other comprehensive income (loss)			(314)			(314)	(1)	(315)	(17)
Net income (loss)				2,094		2,094	(11)	2,083	(6)
Common dividends declared (per share: \$0.01)				(10)		(10)		(10)	
Repurchase of common stock					(683)	(683)		(681)	
Other transactions impacting noncontrolling interests		(9)				(5)	6	(1)	2
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$ 74	\$ 2,859	\$ (1,250)	\$ 12,121	\$ (1,769)	\$ 12,835	\$ 9	\$ 12,844	\$ 69

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(In millions)	2015	2014	2013
For the years ended December 31,			
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net income	\$ 2,077	\$ 2,094	\$ 1,478
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	583	588	597
Realized investment gains, net	(37)	(134)	(213)
Deferred income taxes	21	(22)	197
Net changes in assets and liabilities, net of non-operating effects:			
Premiums, accounts and notes receivable	(945)	(780)	(110)
Reinsurance recoverables	55	22	369
Deferred policy acquisition costs	(182)	(176)	(227)
Other assets	16	(263)	405
Insurance liabilities	657	457	1,040
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	423	202	(483)
Current income taxes	(25)	111	(56)
Cash used to exit the run-off reinsurance business	—	—	(2,196)
Lost on extinguishment of debt	100	—	—
Other, net	(8)	(81)	(82)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2,717	1,994	719
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Proceeds from investments sold:			
Fixed maturities and equity securities	1,355	1,769	1,775
Investment maturities and repayments:			
Fixed maturities and equity securities	1,435	1,640	1,621
Commercial mortgage loans	640	453	635
Other sales, maturities and repayments (primarily short-term and other long-term investments)	1,297	2,706	1,661
Investments purchased or originated:			
Fixed maturities and equity securities	(4,334)	(3,424)	(3,062)
Commercial mortgage loans	(500)	(287)	(58)
Other (primarily short-term and other long-term investments)	(1,183)	(2,115)	(1,930)
Property and equipment purchases	(310)	(473)	(527)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(59)	—	(76)
Other, net	—	(24)	(42)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY / USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(1,599)	(1,755)	85
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Deposits and interest credited to contractholder deposit funds	1,429	1,482	1,399
Withdrawals and benefit payments from contractholder deposit funds	(1,359)	(1,450)	(1,358)
Net change in short-term debt	(21)	(112)	(101)
Net proceeds on issuance of long-term debt	894	—	—
Repayment of long-term debt	(938)	—	(15)
Repurchase of common stock	(671)	(1,612)	(1,003)
Issuance of common stock	154	110	150
Other, net	(18)	6	(2)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(430)	(1,587)	(938)
Effect of foreign currency rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(80)	(32)	13
Net increase / (decrease) on cash and cash equivalents	518	(1,375)	(197)
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1,	1,420	2,795	2,978
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	\$ 1,938	\$ 1,420	\$ 2,781
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Information:			
Income taxes paid, net of refunds	\$ 1,194	\$ 1,085	\$ 519
Interest paid	\$ 245	\$ 259	\$ 265

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